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## Glory Force the issue, while the Power's Spirit fails

By Daniel Kuzlow

In the most crucial week of the NSL final series to date, the likelihood of a Perth-based Grand Final was all but settled, while the hopes of two sides for an appearance in that game were all but condemned to the scrap heap.

Perth Glory secured their passage into this season's biggest game with a come from behind win against a gutsy Adelaide City Force at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Bobby Despotovski again proved to be the trump card when he side footed home on 81 minutes to notch his 12th goal to date in the Glory's final campaign.

But it had not all begun as it finished for the West Australian side who had to contend with a determined opening spell from Zoran Matic's Force side.

The Force duly took the lead just before half time, when Goran Lozanovski fired a long ball inside his own half to a running Shane Smeltz and with the Glory defence seemingly just opening up for him, Smeltz controlled the ball and fired past Jason Petkovic in the Glory goal from just inside the penalty area.

Into the second half, the Glory were back on equal terms on 66 minutes from former City player Brad Hassell who fired in a suburb 25 metre rocket. And while the ball looked to take a slight deflection, there was still nothing Lupce Acevski could do in the Force goal.

A bone of contention came only a minute later when Aurelio Vidmar fired in what looked to be a legitimate second goal. But the strike was whistled back when the Assistant Referee had noticed a handball in the goal's lead up.

This was to prove crucial when in the 81st minute Despotovski popped up to score the winner. Former Adelaide striker Damian Mori beat the offside trap some 40 metres out before taking the ball to the byline. He then crossed the ball to an unmarked Despotovski who tucked home his shot.

Despotovski's winner nine minutes from time now means they only need a point from their remaining two matches to secure a home grand final, while for the Force, they currently sit third on 13 points, three behind the Olympic Sharks.

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Perth Glory have all but booked their first class tickets to this years NSL Finals thanks to a two-one away win against the Force last week.

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# aussiesabroad

BY DANIEL KUZIW

Australian winger Stan Lazaridis has been offered a new two-year deal by his English Premiership club Birmingham City.

Blues boss Steve Bruce had already revealed he wanted to take up the one-year option on Lazaridis' contract but has now offered the 30-year-old international an extra year on top.

"We have offered Stan an improved, two-year contract," Bruce told the *Birmingham Evening Mail*.

"We did have a year's option but we decided we wanted to add another year on top of that."

"It's in recognition of the way Stan has performed for us this season and the way he has conducted himself."

"Discussions are ongoing and we are very hopeful to reach an agreement soon."

Lazaridis, who joined Birmingham in 1999 for 1.7 million pounds (2.5 million dollars) from West Ham, has created more goals than any other player this season.

Birmingham have defied the odds this season by retaining their place in the Premiership after being most pundits favourites to go straight back to the first division.

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Danny Allsopp insists his decision to sign for Hull City last week is not a step down.

Allsopp leaves Notts County after four seasons with the club and told the *Yorkshire Post*, "It's great to be here and I can't wait for the start of next season," he said.

"The club obviously have big ambitions and I want to be a part of that."

"Playing in Division Three doesn't bother me because there are a lot more positive factors which outweigh that."

The former Australia U23 international will be working with former England boss Peter Taylor at Hull.

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Of all the matches in this season's Champions League, the performance of Aussie Joe Didulica in Valencia will live long in the memory.

The Ajax goalkeeper turned in a performance which still has Spanish journalists claiming as the best for a keeper this season.

Reminded of that incredible display last week, Didulica told *tribalfutbol.com*: "It's difficult to put the game against Valencia into words."

"People still come up to me

and mention it as being an unbelievable display of goalkeeping, but I feel differently about it."

"I felt my first half was quite average to say the least. The Spanish press blew my game out of proportion and gave me a 9/10, the first 9 for a keeper all year. The headlines even stated: 'Didulica vs Valencia'."

"Taking a point away from Valencia, and Spain itself, is a huge deal in the Spanish media so I was seen as the catalyst for the impressive result."

"As a team we fought tremendously hard and I'll definitely look back on that game with fond memories."

Didulica will leave Ajax at the end of the season on a Bosman transfer to Austrian champions Austria Vienna, where he is again guaranteed another season in the Champions League.



Joe Didulica: Praised for his goalkeeping efforts earlier this season.

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Hearts boss Craig Levein has revealed that he will not be pursuing his interest for highly-rated Australian defender Patrick Kisnorbo.

The Tynecastle club's decision should make fellow Scottish Premier League sides Dunfermline Athletic and Dundee United the front-runners to sign the South Melbourne player, following their reported interest in the 22-year-old.

Kisnorbo trained with The Jambos for a day but was unable to impress Levein enough to stay on at Tynecastle.

"He trained with us but we will not be pursuing the matter any further," said Levein to *planet-football.com*.

Kisnorbo, who has also attracted the interest of Italian club Vicenza, had an unsuccessful two-week trial with Leeds United in February 2002.

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Patrick Kisnorbo: The South Melbourne defender failed to win a deal with Scottish side Hearts.

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Former Socceroos goalkeeper Mark Bosnich is reportedly considering accepting his nine-month ban for cocaine use.

The 31-year-old was last week suspended until the end of September by the English Football Association for testing positive to cocaine last November, and vowed after the decision was handed down to appeal.

But his agent Ian Cunningham was quoted by AAP as saying that even though Bosnich still maintains he failed the test because his drink had been spiked on a night out, the possibility of the ban being increased could see Bosnich accept the suspension. "Mark's still determined to clear his name," Cunningham said.

"But he's aware that a more cautious approach might be easier. If he wants to restart his career, he now has a great opportunity."

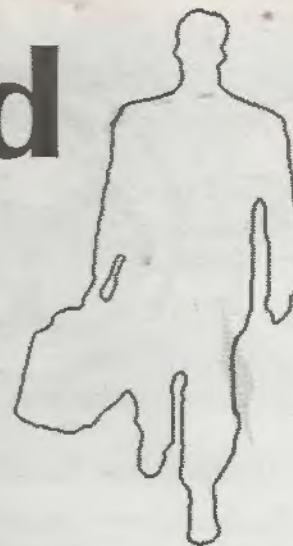
Bosnich will be free to play again in September, with at least four Premiership clubs, including Manchester City and Portsmouth, in the mix to sign him.

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Just days after being told he was no longer needed at Middlesbrough, Tony Vidmar has received a vote of confidence from Socceroos boss Frank Farina.

The Australian national team coach told *The Daily Telegraph* that Vidmar was still in his plans. "He can do a job at left or right back and as a stopper. He's very versatile," Farina said on Tuesday.

"I am certainly not going to write off players with his experience."



Tony Vidmar: Socceroo was told his services were no longer needed at Middlesbrough.

(Continued from front page)

The Sydney derby between the Parramatta Power and the Northern Spirit ended all square after a resurgent Spirit outfit overcame a two goal deficit to steal away the grand final chances of the Power.

It had all started well for the hosts when Pablo Cardozo opened the scoring after only seven minutes. Ahmad Elrich, proving an early menace for his marker Matthew Osman, turned provider when he laid on a pass to John Buonavoglia who in turn touched back to Damien Brown and his inch perfect cross to the edge of the six-yard box, found Cardozo, who neatly glided his header past Paul Henderson.

The Power should have extended their lead, but for want of poor finishing and were almost made to pay for their tardiness when referee Mark Shield awarded Northern Spirit a penalty for Paul O'Grady's clumsy push on John Hutchinson. However young goalkeeper Daniel Vukovic, coming in for Liam Reddy stepped up and brilliantly saved Vuko Tomasevic's powerful spot kick.

Power continued to look dangerous going forward and two minutes before half time notched their second goal through O'Grady. Wayne Sullivan swung in a perfect back post cross from the right hand side and his pass was met powerfully by O'Grady who nodded home from seven yards.

Cardozo had the best chance to kill off the game in the 72nd minute, but his shot from inside the six-yard box was blocked superbly by Henderson and cleared away. This proved to be telling when 10 minutes later, former Power midfielder Brad Groves pulled a goal back for the visitors. Groves ghosted into the box to receive a pass from first half substitute Andy McDermott and he brilliantly controlled the ball with his chest and lashed home his volley from 15 yards past the despairing dive of Vukovic.

McDermott then delivered the fatal blow. Deep into injury time a miscued Brendan Renaud clearance fell kindly into his path and his shot from six yards went in off a wicked deflection.

The result now sees the Power in fourth position on 12 points and a long way off second spot and the Spirit in fifth on eight points.

Monday night's game between the Olympic Sharks and Newcastle United was unable to be featured due to deadline requirements

Vidmar, 32, has already been linked with FA Cup finalists Southampton with Farina confident that the former Adelaide City and Rangers defender has at least another two years of top flight football in him.

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Young Parramatta Power youth player Stefan Del Zio has embarked on a European treat after being awarded trials at Inter Milan's Primavera squad.

The former NSWIS youngster has gone to Italy to taste international experience and has hooked up with two of Australia's rising stars.

Carl Valeri and Nathan Coe are currently starring for the Primavera squad.

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One-time Perth SC player Chris Coyne has been named Luton Town's Player of the Season following an outstanding campaign in the heart of the club's defence.

The 24-year old West Australian was a virtual ever-present in the Hatters backline during 2002/03, making 44 League and Cup appearances before missing the tail end of the English Second Division season after tearing stomach muscles.

Coyne also polled strongly in the Internet Player of the Season award in which he finished runner-up to Steve Howard, who also collected the Players' Player of the Season trophy.



# DOMINIC GALATI: "We Need The NSL To Be Its Own Body"



**Dominic Galati: Current SA director is doing his best in promoting the game of soccer in this country amidst the turmoil it's faced.**

By Peter Damalas

**T**he game of soccer in Australia is certainly at a crossroads at this point in time.

The changes suggested by business administration expert, Mr. David Crawford in his report, following an exhaustive independent inquiry, have been received by the community as a necessity for the future of the sport and the viability

of Soccer Australia, its governing body.

Moves to implement the changes recommended in the Crawford Report, and the securing of much needed sponsorship deals has many pundits feeling optimistic about the state of the game. In March, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) concluded its report into the solvency of the company and declared that it had no further interest.

One of the recommendations released by the Independent Soccer Review Committee in April has been the appointment of Westfields chief, Mr. Frank Lowy, one of the founders of the soccer league, as Chairman of Soccer Australia.

The answer to soccer's problems, it seems, has been a simple one, the involvement of Lowy. While former SA Chairman, Mr. Remo Nogarotto, and other directors, have received praise for their willingness to step aside to allow Lowy and other business captains, Ron Walker and John Singleton onto the board, the conclusion of the matter has been held up.

The Extraordinary General Meeting of Soccer Australia held on Saturday, 3rd May, was cancelled when Soccer NSW, support-

ed by Soccer Tasmania and the floor, moved a motion to defer the matter.

Businessman Dominic Galati, head of marketing company IEC, who was elected to Soccer Australia's board in October 2002, said that more information is needed from those parties that intend on taking over the running of soccer in Australia.

"My concern is that this inquiry

this most recent Soccer Australia meeting highlighted that despite calls and indeed proposals to implement Crawford's recommendations, a great deal more is required to unite the various stakeholders.

The major sticking point is the process of creating a new board of directors. Representatives of the stakeholders remain adamant that they have the right to nominate

board will occur only through their involvement in the selection and appointment of candidates, while Lowy (backed by the Crawford Report), has indicated that he will not compromise on the make up of his team.

"It is disappointing when you have people like myself, who have been funding the game for a long time, and no one wants to listen to them," Mr. Galati said.

depending on the success of proposed candidates in "getting in".

He did not comment on his possible resignation. Mr. Galati said that "in the past we've had lawyers and accountants and businessmen on the board, and where have we gone? People need to be realistic about how far soccer can go in this country. Australia has a population of only 20 million people, and soccer here will never be like the English Premier League, which markets to 300 million people across Europe."

He also pointed out that the past five months have seen desperately needed money injected into the coffers of Soccer Australia through long term sponsorship deals with Qantas and Adidas. Mr. Galati outlined proposals for a revamped National Soccer League involving the states and a relegation system.

"We have put out a model which is more achievable than the PFA model, and involves clubs which have been around for 20 years and collectively have put in 300 million dollars into soccer. We need the NSL to be its own body," he said.

The future of Galati and co. in Australian soccer remains a cloudy issue, while Frank Lowy's involvement may also hinge on the results of the board elections.

*"It is disappointing when you have people like myself, who have been funding the game for a long time, and no one wants to listen to them"*

has put out approximately fifty recommendations, but has not told the stakeholders what the outcomes will be. How can you say that a recommendation is for the good of the game when you don't know what the outcome will be?

"Lowy has not told the stakeholders what he intends to do, and I would like him to give more information on his proposals" Mr. Galati said.

The events which took place at

and elect candidates under FIFA statute which decrees that the national governing body be elected by constituent members of that association.

While the stakeholders have agreed to install Lowy, Walker and Singleton, the future of Soccer Australia is largely reliant on which people make up the balance of three directors.

On the one hand, the stakeholders feel that the legitimacy of the

"The current board want to ensure the viability of the company, and at this point in time, nothing has been said by the proposed members about where the money to fund the game will come from."

The resignation of three directors, including Chairman Nogarotto, Robert Sestan and Walter Bugno was announced on Thursday, prompting Mr. Galati to state that the others will follow suit

## SA IN DISARRAY

**S**occer Australia chairman Remo Nogarotto last Thursday quit the job, plunging soccer's Crawford reform process into doubt.

Two other pro-reform directors have also walked out with Nogarotto, after the board was split over the transition of power to Frank Lowy's team.

Nogarotto wanted his board to unconditionally resign to pave the way for Lowy, but at least three board members are believed to have refused, sparking today's crisis.

The resignations come one month ago after David Crawford unveiled his reform agenda, calling for the immediate resignation of Soccer Australia's board.

Today, three of the seven directors have quit, but their departures can only damage the Crawford reform process.

Chairman Remo Nogarotto — supported by independent director Walter Bugno and elected board member Robert Sestan — was trying to shepherd the Crawford reforms through a legal and politi-

cal minefield.

Today, the trio walked away frustrated, blaming a major boardroom split.

"I'm in full support of the reform process, but some of my fellow directors aren't and I understand their right to have those views," Sestan told SBS Television's Toyota World Sports program.

"My view is that the time for grandstanding is over, it's time to get on with it. That's why I've decided the best course of action is for me to quit."

In a statement late today, Nogarotto and his two fellow outgoing directors said: "It is apparent that there now exists significant differences amongst the Directors as to the most appropriate way forward following last Saturday's extraordinary General Meeting.

"In the light of those differences, it is our view that it is only proper that we tender our resignations effective immediately.

"We respect the rights of individuals to hold opposing views but believe the game for too long has suffered as a result of a divided Board room.

"We leave with no rancour and extremely satisfied with the job that

this Board has done over the past five months."

The "significant differences" exist at board level — referring to the alleged refusal of at least three directors to unconditionally resign.

Three directors are understood to be ready to support candidates running against Lowy's team, a move that could cause the billionaire businessman to walk away.

Lowy has selected a six-member team and declared he will only take up the chairmanship if all his people are elected.

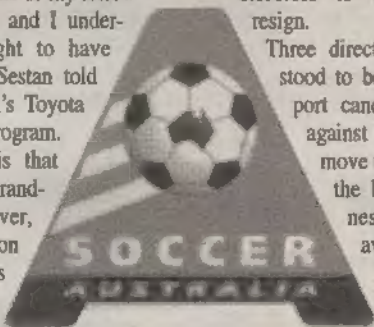
Robert Sestan pointed to frustration with the way the Australian Sports Commission and the Crawford inquiry team had handled the process.

As the three directors exited, one of Frank Lowy's candidates — advertising and media entrepreneur John Singleton — questioned why any stakeholders are reluctant to have Lowy on board.

"Frank Lowy, along with Rupert Murdoch, is the best international businessman Australia has ever had," said Singleton.

"Why would any sport want to turn their back on Lowy?"

The issue may not be resolved



**Remo Nogarotto last week stepped down as SA Chairman throwing more confusion to soccer's reform process.**

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# Zorbas Remains Optimistic of Grand Final



Zorbas has settled in nicely with club Parramatta Power since his move from the Olympic Sharks.

By Peter Damalas

For the first 45 minutes of Parramatta Power's clash with Perth Glory on the west coast last weekend, the home side were completely outplayed.

Nick Theodorakopoulos' squad looked to have had the edge over the team currently placed at the top of the championship series.

However, the team which entered the finals series as the dark horses quickly discovered the ruthless nature of the Glory's potent strikeforce.

But dynamic midfielder, Peter Zorbas, does not believe that the 6-1 thrashing has ended Parramatta's title aspirations.

"It was definitely a one off incident. We were particularly unhappy and upset

because we had played well in the first half, until we had a brain explosion for twenty minutes. It was just one of those games where everything they touch turns to gold, and everything we touch turns to dust," Zorbas said.

Parramatta's record this season has indicated that the players are indeed fit enough to handle adverse situations, and they have been known to come home strongly towards the end of matches.

On three occasions in the finals so far, the team have conjured up a late goal which have rescued points in Newcastle and Adelaide, while a stoppage time free kick from Pablo Cardozo halted the Olympic Sharks as they attempted to escape from the chasing pack.

A common feature in both

of these away fixtures has been the presence of the 23 year old midfielder Zorbas on the scoresheet. A priceless effort, ten minutes after coming on as a substitute got the ball rolling for the Power in the finals, and the three points helped the club catch up with Olympic and Perth, who had received bonus points.

Further consistent performances as substitute, including another goal away to fellow Grand Final hopefuls, Adelaide City, earned Zorbas a starting berth for the games against Olympic and the return match at home to Newcastle United.

While Zorbas is satisfied with the progress he has made under Theodorakopoulos, an interesting point to note is that Newcastle began to make a comeback in the Round Six encounter precisely after Zorbas was substituted. Parramatta lost control of the midfield in the dying moments, and conceded two goals as the away side threatened to overhaul a three goal deficit.

With the Parramatta squad boasting tremendous depth in midfield, with four players (Thompson, O'Sullivan, Maloney and Zorbas) vying for two, perhaps three positions in the starting eleven, Nick Theodorakopoulos has often rotated the players around in order to find the best and most effective balance.

The importance of Zorbas (who turns twenty four on Wednesday) in the squad has certainly been illustrated by his contribution to the finals.

"I'm very happy with the way I have been performing this season week in week out. I always hope to start the game, but I try to do the job whenever I can, even if this means in the final minutes" he said.

Zorbas re-signed for a second season at Parramatta early in the season, such was the club's determination to retain the services of the midfield workhorse.

He has also attracted the attention of scouts from Cyprus, who have contacted him regarding a possible trial overseas. He was also selected to join an Australian Greek team to play in Greece, which Zorbas had to decline due to family commitments.

After spending ten years in the junior ranks at the Olympic Sharks, Zorbas played only a minor role in the championship win last season (he was limited to three appearances).

"My contract at Olympic had run out, so I decided that I had to leave the club to have first team football. But the club [Olympic] have been a major part of my soccer career," he said.

As the 2002-2003

National Soccer League season enters its ninth month, most teams currently involved have started to feel the pinch. Newcastle have suffered due to mass injury and suspension, the Northern Spirit have finally come unstuck after a mammoth effort in getting into the top six, while Olympic and Adelaide City have shown some signs of wear and tear.

In spite of criticism the expanded finals format has

received, Zorbas believes it has its merits.

"It gives every team a go, and time to make up the points they may have lost. Basically, your season is not over in two weeks, and you can work yourself back into the table. And as a player, it is much better as you are still out there plus you're earning more bonuses. I've spoken to players from teams which missed out, and they are going crazy," he said.

While the championship series ladder prior to Round 8 suggested that the Grand Final was beginning to take shape (Perth and Olympic), the fixtures list has kept alive Parramatta's slim chances.

"Taking into account that we win all of our remaining fixtures, and Perth beat Olympic, we will be in the Grand Final. I still believe that it is up to us," Zorbas said.



Peter Zorbas shown in full joy after scoring the equalising goal against the Force a few weeks back.

## Bosnich re-considering appeal



Mark Bosnich

Former Socceroo goalkeeper Mark Bosnich may be re-considering whether to appeal his nine-month ban for a positive drugs test.

Bosnich, 31, will be eligible to play again this September and at least four Premiership clubs are reported to be interested in signing him.

But that could be jeopardised if he loses an appeal against the ban handed down last week by a Football Association disciplinary commission and ends up with a longer sentence.

His agent Ian Cunningham hinted that Bosnich, who denies knowingly taking the recreational drug cocaine, might be prepared to drop his legal fight to protect his career.

"Mark's still determined to clear his

name," agent Ian Cunningham said.

"But he's aware that a more cautious approach might be easier.

"If he wants to restart his career, he now has a great opportunity."

Bosnich tested positive to cocaine last October while he was on contract with London club Chelsea for STG42,000 (\$A106,500) a week.

His claim that he was a victim of a spiked drink was not accepted by Chelsea, which sacked him, or by the FA tribunal, which last week found him guilty of breaching FA doping regulations.

He has until May 13 to lodge any appeal.

His lawyers are waiting for documents from the FA outlining the reasons for its decision.

## Blues reward 'Laza'



Stan Lazaridis has been offered a new 2-year contract with Birmingham City.

Birmingham manager Steve Bruce has granted Australian left-winger Stan Lazaridis his wish and offered him a new two-year deal to stay at St Andrews.

The Socceroos flyer wanted the security of a second season on his contract after Bruce had initially revealed that the Blues wanted to take up the one-year option on Lazaridis' former deal.

"We have offered Stan an improved, two-year contract," Bruce told the Birmingham Evening Mail.

"We did have a year's option but we decided we wanted to add another year on top of that."

Lazaridis, 30, has been one of Birmingham's best this season with more goal assists than any other player. He has even managed to get on the scoresheet a couple of times.

"It's in recognition of the way Stan has performed for us this season and the way he has conducted himself," Bruce added.

"Discussions are ongoing and we are very hopeful to reach an agreement soon."

## Vics To Tour Fiji

The VSF last week announced the Victorian Men's State Team would be touring Fiji in early June.

The Fiji Football Association and President Dr. M.S Sahu Khan extend an invitation to the VSF and the team to play three games against the Fiji National Team as part of their final build up towards the South Pacific Games.



The Victorian Men's State Team will be departing June 4th and returning June 11th. Whilst in Fiji they will be playing 3 matches commencing on June 6th in Lautoka followed by match a match on Sunday 8th in BA concluding in Suva on Tuesday 10th.

This will be the first time both teams have played against each other and will prove invaluable experience for the Victorian Squad, who along with Officials will be announced shortly.



# THREE RAPID COACHING CHANGES

By Allan Crisp

**“Who is coaching there this week?” That tongue in cheek remark was made at a Premier League club last week, but considering the recent messy turnover of mentors, the comment had significant relevance.**

Relevance that is at no less than three South Australian Premier League clubs which had failed to perform at acceptable levels.

Alby Kidd, who assumed the Galaxy mantle from Milan Ivanovic at the start of the season, handed in his resignation after his talented team was toppled in an upset by Para Hills in an eighth round match.

Galaxy had been hit by a horrendous number of injuries, but Kidd knew that the only tallies noticed by officials are the numbers on the premiership ladder.

Kidd threw in the towel when he

realised that very few of his beaten team were visibly upset by the loss.

“I was hurting, but not too many of the players seemed too worried about the lack of effort,” Kidd said.

Former State, Blue Eagles and Croydon Kings coach Jan Kierno



accepted to replace Kidd and continued the time honoured tradition of grabbing a win in his first game.

After drawing rave notices as State team assistant to Mike Barnett, Jim Karabatsos started shakily at Olympic

FC and his lack of success saw the committee call in Zoran Karadzic to rescue the situation.

Karadzic, who developed winning championships into an art form with the Blue Eagles, took over the coaching at Olympic FC and not unexpectedly began with a 2-0 victory against his former club.

Meanwhile, Playford Patriots and David Miller parted company last week when former Soccerroo defender Bobby Hogg took charge, chalking up the first win for Patriots at Premier League level for the nine week old season.

However, Hogg merely filled the void for that match and was replaced by club chairman Andrew Thompson.

That was simply an interim measure while Playford searches for a replacement coach, whose immediate task will be to steer the Elizabeth docked ship clear of the murky relegation waters.

High profile coaches have been approached, but at press time, a final decision had yet to be reached.

# GROVES HITTING THE HEIGHTS AT SPIRIT



Bradley Groves (right) in action for the Spirit this season.

By Daniel Kuziow

**T**he Northern Spirit have arguably enjoyed their best season in the National League since their inception into the competition some five years back at the start of the 1998/99 season.

Sitting close to the bottom of the table midway through this season, the Spirit embarked on a remarkable run that saw them snare the final spot for the ten-week final series, while at the same time proving the critics wrong that the franchise was a spent force.

Many were quick to praise the efforts of debutant coach Laurie McKinna, for the team's sensational late run and rightly so, but spare a thought for the many, many youngsters on the books of the

North Sydney based side, many of which were also making their NSL debuts.

Brad Groves is one such youngster who to date has managed two goals from 12 starts with the Spirit side and having since moved from rival Sydney club the Parramatta Power is flourishing in the young surrounds.

Groves regards his move to the Spirit as one of the best career choices in his so far short profession. After being told the Parramatta Power that his services would be limited, Groves was quick to head north to be re-united with former Power assistant coach McKinna.

“When I was at Parramatta, he [McKinnna] was the assistant coach and that's how I knew him. He was a good coach there but he never really got his chance to show his pedigree and since I have been at Spirit has shown what a tremendous coach he is,” Groves confessed.

Groves credits the influence of the Spirit's older players and in particular the work of former Rangers and Scottish International Ian Ferguson as contributing greatly to his midfield game.

“The one who inspires me the most is Ian Ferguson, because he is a midfielder like myself and he is always pulling me aside and telling me what I can do to improve my game and he is the one I talk to a lot about my game.”

Yet Groves has perhaps had one of the best football upbringing's available to a talented youngsters. After a tour with the highly touted Westfields Sports High School, Groves was fortunate enough to move onto the pastures of Yorkshire and Leeds United where he spent a number of seasons in their youth development squads.

“When I was 17, I went over with Westfields Sports High School on their annual European Tour and we actually

played against the Leeds United Under 17's Academy side beating them five-two. At the time there were three players, myself, Shane Cansdell Sheriff and Matthew Hunter and we were taken into their rooms, showed us around and offered us all contracts,” Groves said.

“I had a contract for two seasons, but missed the first year because I had commitments with the NSW Institute of Sport, then Shane and myself both went over together. The first season I was in Under 19's and did fairly well there and the following year again played in the Under 19's side and had a couple of Reserves games.”

Groves recalls fondly his experiences while over in England and in particular his first game upon arrival at Leeds.

“Playing wise the most memorable experience was my first game against Manchester United. We were down one-nil, got back to one-all and I scored the winner. My parents had come over for that match so I was fairly happy about that. But the whole experience was just unbelievable.”

Last week Groves faced his former team in round eight of the finals series, but insists is happy with his current employer; “I'm signing a new contract with Spirit in the next couple of weeks, but I have also just booked my flight to go back overseas in July for trials with a few clubs,” Groves revealed.

And when asked whether Spirit have been accepting of his desire to try to secure a contract abroad Groves ended; “The club have been very understanding in promoting their young players. Laurie himself played over in Scotland and has been trying to organise something for me there, but the are happy in trying to get young Aussies overseas.”

That was why the whole Rangers partnership was set up and that is why Laurie has had no problem in allowing me to go overseas.”

# GALAXY RECRUIT NSW QUARTET

By Allan Crisp

**A**delaide Galaxy has enhanced its Premier League and Federation Cup prospects by signing Canterbury Marrickville Olympic foursome Leigh Gunn, Sasha Utjesenovic, George Nohra and John Kyriazopoulos.

The on-loan newcomers will strengthen the ailing Galaxy in all areas of the park as it strives to climb the championship ladder from ninth to a spot in the top five and an eventual shot at the title.

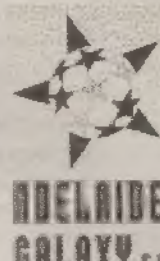
Gunn is a gun striker in the true sense of the word, having scored 12 league goals, while George Nohra is an exciting attacking midfielder.

The Galaxy leaked 14 goals in its first nine games this season and the addition of class defenders Sasha Utjesenovic and former Olympic Sharks defender Kyriazopoulos should go a long way to stiffening the back-lines.

Utjesenovic is the son of 1974 World Cup finalist Dougie Utjesenovic, who was a key player in the Rale Rasic coached Soccerroo squad.

New Galaxy coach Jan Kierno said yesterday the acquisition of the four Sydney players would undoubtedly bolster his team.

“We are definitely in need of greater experience in our squad and these players should fit the bill nicely,” former Polish professional Kierno said.



# NSL PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES TO BE NAMED

**T**he National Soccer League will today release the five players chosen by their peers as being in contention for the most outstanding player award in the 2002/2003 NSL season, the Johnny Warren Players' Player of the Year Award.

Find out who will be the next name on the NSL Honour Roll joining illustrious past winners such as Qantas Soccerroo coach Frank Farina (two-time winner), former Qantas Soccerroo captain Paul Wade and cur-

rent Qantas Soccerroos Mark Viduka and Scott Chipperfield (both two-time winners).

Other Awards nominees to be included are the NSL Under-21 Player of the Year (Papasavas Medal), Goalkeeper of the Year, Coach of the Year, Lotto Referee of the Year, Lotto Assistant Referee of the Year, Northern Division Youth Player of the Year and Southern Division Youth Player of the Year.

The NSL Fair Play Award, NSL Top Goalscorer Award and NSL Premiers will also be confirmed.

# Glory retains Despotovski

**P**erth Glory has announced that striker Bobby Despotovski has agreed to terms with the club on a new contract.

Despotovski was being chased by Parramatta but he has elected to remain with the Glory for a further two seasons.

Coach Mich D'Avray told ABC online that he is delighted with the news.

“I think Bobby in his heart of hearts would not have wanted to have left Perth Glory — it would have been a bit of wrench to leave the club,” he said.

“But fortunately we've been able to have solved the issue now and he'll be a Perth Glory player for the next couple of years, which is great.”

The new deal will take Despotovski to nine years with Glory. He is one of three players currently with the club who were inaugural squad members. Scott Miller and Vince Matassa are the others and only Miller and Despotovski have been with the club for all of its NSL existence.

“We are delighted,” said Chief Executive Officer Jeff Dennis. “There was no way we could compete with the enormous sums being offered by some Eastern States clubs and it is a sign of Bobby's attachment to the club that he has turned down bigger offers from elsewhere to stay with us.”

“The signing shows our commitment to continuing to try and keep a high standard of player at Perth Glory for the coming campaign.”

Despotovski stated to the press last week that he was always planning to stay on with the Glory.

“I'm glad it's out of the way,” he told the West Australian.

“I had always wanted to stay but they offered me one year and I wanted two. An extra year gives me more stability.” He added, “I never had a problem with the pay cuts. “I just wanted two years”.



Bobby Despotovski: Goal scoring machine will continue his career at Perth Glory after snubbing a Parramatta Power offer.



## Leeds could lose Aussie Pair

**L**eeds United could lose Soccerroos Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka next season, with reports Kewell is delaying contract talks and Viduka is being targeted by Tottenham.

Kewell comes off contract with Leeds in 12 months' time and the club has offered him a deal worth almost STG45,000 (\$A113,500) a week, making him the highest paid player in the club's history, the *Daily Star* says.

But Kewell is refusing to sign a new contract until he knows who will be managing the club next season.

Peter Reid stepped in as caretaker manager after Terry Venables was sacked and the

board meets to discuss a permanent successor.

New Leeds chairman Professor John Mackenzie met Kewell and agent Bernie Mandic in London last week and Mackenzie is confident the star will stay with the club that signed him from Australia as a 16-year-old.

Manchester United and Inter Milan are believed to be interested in signing him.

Meanwhile, the *Daily Mirror* says Tottenham manager Glenn Hoddle is trying to sign Viduka to revive his club's flagging fortunes.

Tottenham tried to sign Viduka before he moved to Leeds in 2000.



**Alex Brosque: Will be staying put for another year in the National League next season with the Stallions.**

**R**ising star Alex Brosque is content to play another year in the NSL before trying his luck in Europe.

## Brosque stays patient

The 19 year-old Marconi striker made quite an impression in his first full season in Australia, saying that he wants to follow the lead of Brett Emerton, who is currently playing in the Dutch League with Feyenoord.

"With Brett he did really well in Australia and they came to him," Brosque told AAP.

"Some boys leave when they are young, say 16 or 17 and they might do well for a couple of years but then they start finding it hard."

"Then they come back and they pretty much have to start over again."

Brosque played in the Olyroos' recent loss to Spain and was impressed by his opposition.

"They were very attacking and they always wanted to get forward and score

and that's what I like to do," Brosque said.

"In a couple of years I'd like to have established myself in a good league and hopefully be playing every week."

"I don't have a specific place I'd only go to - just as long as I'm playing regularly."

It's believed that young Brosque has been linked with Spanish giants Real Madrid however nothing has arisen from this as of yet.

Alex was certainly one of the finds of the season after playing a starring role in Marconi's woeful year.

The former Southern Districts striker finished up with nine goals to his name and will certainly fair in an award at this year's Soccer Australia award's night in the U23 Player of the year.



**Soccerroo coach Frank Farina has been pleased with his coaching staff.**

## FARINA Happy With Coaching Staff

By Bonnie Mersiades

**T**ribal Football reports that Australian coach, Frank Farina, responded with surprise last week to the claims by Manchester-based Australian fitness coach, Jim Petrucci, that he is to help out the Australian team.

Petrucci told Tribal football last week that he had been asked to join the Australian set-up for the international friendly against Ireland in August. "To be honest, I've never heard of him,"

Farina told Tribalfootball.com. "As far as I'm aware, no-one from Soccer Australia has asked him to do any work."

Farina said the physiotherapist and fitness trainer for the Soccerroos had been together since his first game in charge. Physiotherapist, Les Gelis, has worked with the national team through the last two World Cup cam-

paigns and was formerly physio at South Melbourne. Fitness trainer, Anthony Crea, worked with Farina at Marconi.

"I'm happy with them. The players are happy with them. I'm not about to change them for someone I don't know or haven't even heard of," he said. On more important football matters, Farina said he was happy with the Under 23 camp from which he has recently returned.

"It was the first time that particular squad was together. The only other times it's either been an Australian-based squad or an overseas-based squad."

"The Aussie boys generally were a bit sharper because they're playing regularly. But overall, I'm happy with the way they all played."

He said he hoped to get the squad together on a "few more" occasions so they can get to know each other before the Olympic Games play-offs early next year.

## PELIKAN

### ATTRACTS CROATS

**M**elbourne Knights attacker Anthony Pelikan is confident his move to Dinamo Zagreb will go through.

The Croatian outfit have offered almost £200,000 for the youngster, who told the *Herald-Sun*. "My manager is working on it and I don't think it's too far from getting sorted out."

"My understanding is they would want me over there as soon as possible. They still have six rounds of their season to play. (Dinamo coach) Ciro Blazevic said a few nice things about me in the press over there and declared he wants me there, so he's the main reason they've decided to sign me," Pelikan said.

"I'm really happy with the opportunity. "Dinamo is the biggest club in Croatia and will be in Europe playing the Champions

League next season. "Hopefully I will have a couple of good seasons and then move on, the same way that Mark Viduka did."



**Young Melbourne Knights star Anthony Pelikan is close to securing a move to Croatian club Dinamo Zagreb.**

## KISNORBO SNUBS ITALY FOR SCOTS



**Patrick Kisnorbo: Searching for a club in Scotland.**

**S**outh Melbourne defender Patrick Kisnorbo returned to Melbourne last week after three weeks training in Scotland.

Kisnorbo arrived back in Australia convinced that his future lies in the Scottish Premier League. The Australia international was to travel to Italy this week to take up an offer from Serie B Vicenza, but has decided he wants an SPL deal.

"The Vicenza offer is actually very lucrative," Kisnorbo's agent, Lou Sticca, told Tribalfootball.com today. "But Patrick wants to play in Scotland, so we're working with a number of clubs to try and get him a deal there."

He's told me he's happy to play for less than what Vicenza is offering, so it just shows how much of an impression the country made on the lad."

Kisnorbo trained with three SPL clubs, Dunfermline Athletic, Dundee United and Hearts, plus ambitious First Division outfit, Inverness Caley.

"He did very well at all four clubs," Sticca said. "They're all keen to speak with him and I'm talking to all four clubs about next season."

"Patrick's had a few misses in the past with Leeds and Lorient, but I'm confident we can find him a good deal with a strong Scottish club next season."

"He's come back convinced he'll be playing in Scotland next season. He did himself proud over there, the feedback I've received from the coaches he worked with has been very impressive."

Kisnorbo had trials with English Premier League side Leeds United last year but failed to gain a contract.

## Moves At SA?

**T**wo Soccer Australia board members have tendered their resignations. Tribalfootball.com has learned that Walter Bugno and Robert Sestan both offered their resignations last week with the express purpose of smoothing the way for new president-elect Frank Lowy's interim board.

Sources close to Bugno and Sestan say that while they don't agree entirely with Lowy's behaviour, they are prepared to resign as it is in the best interests of the game and its supporters.

Lowy's team are expected to be in place inside the next month, though present directors Bill Walker, Paul Affkos and Les Avery are yet to indicate whether they will stand aside.



**Robert Sestan: Believed to have sent his resignation as an SA Board member.**

## Yes Wayne, but who washes up?



**Everton star Wayne Rooney in action.**

**E**VERTON's teenage sensation Wayne Rooney may have scored one of the season's best goals, but one fan is determined to find out whether or not he helps his mum with the washing-up.

The 17-year-old, who has been banned by club boss David Moyes from talking to the media, has agreed to take

part in a question-and-answer session via the internet organised by his club's website.

One of the questions which will be posed to the new England international is: "Even though you're a superstar, do you still have to help your mum with the housework? and What do you think has been your best Everton goal?"

The English Premiership club had planned to post the answers from the boy-wonder on their site before the season's end on Sunday, but supporters have been allowed another seven days to submit more queries.

"Everton's website team had planned to close the Rooney mailbox at on Friday morning, but after having received 6367 e-mails in five days, we've decided to allow the fans to keep their questions rolling in," said a club spokesman.



# from the dressing sheds

by Mark Stavroulakis



## IT'S BACK

After three weeks of soccer hibernation ABSW opened its doors and got the presses printing last week.

The amount of emails and phone calls my fellow correspondents and I received was enormous.

I'd like to personally thank those people who stood by the paper in those weeks lost.

One thing's for sure, a feeling of emptiness was certainly evident during those weeks, and no soccer paper was a hard pill to swallow for many die-hard Australian soccer fans.

Now that ABSW's is back, rest assured that it will do its best in keeping its readers updated in more ways than one.

With only two rounds remaining in the National Soccer League Finals, the race for the golden prize is heating up.

One more thing that's worth adding on is the fact that you Manchester United supporters must be on cloud nine at this point in time.

It looked as though the Gunners had it in the back but alas 'Fergie's men took it to Arsene's boys and thus holding the title yet again.

## TARKA TIPPED FOR SUCCESS

Young Socceroo and Perth Glory defender David Tarka has been subject to a lot of transfer news in the past week.



David Tarka has been monitored by a number of European clubs.

The sterling centre back has attracted a number of European clubs and looks set to make the move at the end of the NSL Finals.

The towering defender was one of the many stars on show in Australia's U23 squad that lost to Spain one-nil in Lorca a few weeks ago.

Tarka had the daunting task of marking Real Madrid young gun Javier Portillo and Atletico's Jorge and from reports did a brilliant job.

It was understood that apart from West Ham, Tottenham Assistant Manager John Gorman was in attendance at Spain watching the former AIS graduate.

Glory coach Mich d'Avray has been rather pleased with the youngster's success and knows that it will only be a matter of time until David hits the high's of a European club.

ABSW stated at the start of the season its hit predictions in the youth category of each squad and alas Tarka's name was hoisted in the Glory category.

## IT'S THE YEAR OF THE YOUTH

A topic that was evident in last year's NSL competition was the fact that a number of youngsters made their promising debuts in Australia's elite competition.

This season was no different.

The finals series currently hosts a number of promising young stars that could herald a new future in the game of football.

Newcastle United and the Northern Spirit have been the main instigators in promoting youngsters with both sides splurging on raw talent.

Coaches Ian Crook and Lawrie McKinna should be applauded for using these youngsters, as at the end of the day - these guys really are our future stars.

Adelaide City Force, Olympic Sharks and the Perth Glory have also helped their causes in promoting talent but not to the extent United and Spirit have.

The Power has simply relied on experience and there's been no sign of youngsters being promoted, but that must be a tactic Nick Theo was eager to use this year.

Kind of weird considering the club is said to be folding at the end of next season, but has attracted offers from keen businessmen.

Logically, the best option for the Power would have been to give youth a go as European clubs have flocked various Australian pitches in search of the next Kewell or Viduka.

Players such as Tom Willis, Mitchell Johnson, Iain Fyfe, Scott Tunbridge, David Tarka, Anthony Danze, Anthony Caceras, Jonty Richter, Brad Groves, Dylan Macallister, Alex Wilkinson, Franco Parisi and loads more have starred for their respective clubs.

## 'BOMBER' TO COACH WOLVES?

Strong rumors have circulated down the South Coast that current Blacktown City Demons coach Brian Brown is set to take over the Wollongong Wolves next season.

Blacktown's Scottish super coach this year took out this year's NSW Premier League in style finishing Minor Premiers before the finals series next week.

Apart from Brown's name, Branko Culina, Eddie Tessoro, Norm Boardman, Raul Blanco and even Dave Mitchell's name has been rumored to be interested in the job next season.

The successor takes over Ron Corry's position who as of next season will start his retirement plans and will concentrate more on work.

## photooftheweek



During the recent final series match between the Parramatta Power and Perth Glory, ABSW photographer Carlos Furtado managed to knob a wacky frame of Power's Paul O'Grady coping one in the family jewels with Glory's Adrian Caceras looking on. A painful sight nonetheless, a wonder how O'Grady felt after the incident? The strapping stopper however has had a scoring spree of late bagging two goals in this season's championship series.

## JIM FRASER AT THE EELS

Former Socceroo keeper and current goalkeeping coach Jim Fraser has been a busy man of late with Rugby League side Parramatta Eels.

After having a fallout with coach Nick Theo at the Power, Fraser's services were required with Brian Smith's Parramatta side.

His job is teaching the league players how to catch properly.

If there's anyone out there that can teach them how to catch it's Jimmy Fraser who still hasn't lost his touch.

What's the Power's loss is the Eels gain.



Brian Brown: Rumored to be Wollongong Wolves' new coach.

## SUPPORTERS SITE UPGRADED

It was great to see 'The Green and Gold Army', Australia's national soccer supporters group back online last week.

The revamped site is a virtual community for all Australian Soccer fans to enjoy.

The new GGAmy.com features the latest news on GGAmy events as well as Australian soccer news updated daily. Not to mention some of the greatest amateur columnists in the country from our communications desk columns.

The new site brings together a forum for all fans, a great list of related

Soccer links, up to date news on Aussies abroad, match reviews, upcoming fixtures and an interactive photo gallery featuring the fun and excitement of GGAmy campaigns past and present.

Importantly it is also the only place to register FREE as a GGAmy fan and help push the envelope of Australia's national soccer teams forward. The more support for the Joeys, Young Socceroos, Olyroos, Young Matildas, Matildas and the Socceroos the better.

GGAmy President John McGauran said, "GGAmy.com is a free resource for all Australian soccer fans providing a vehicle to unite as one to fully support our national soccer teams".

Certainly a brilliant feature to have for any die-hard soccer supporter.

## TALIADORAS BID FAILS

Former South Melbourne player Kimon Taliadoras' bid to win a place on the club's board failed last week at the annual general meeting.

Kimon finished 16th among 21 candidates and was apparently booed after his speech by various members.

"I'm extremely disappointed because I felt I had a lot to offer", were the words Kimon used after his failure towards getting a position on the board.

## PARISI THE SUPER SUB

20-year-old Olympic Sharks striker Franco Parisi has certainly earned a reputation for scoring goals as a substitute this season.

Overall this year, Parisi has managed to notch up 11 goals in 27 appearances as a sub giving him a rating of 0.41 goals per sub appearances.

Having caught up with Parisi a few weeks back, the Young Socceroo stated that he was happy with his performance this year, and hopes that he's goal scoring trend continues till the end of the finals series.

Below is a top five list of highest goals per sub appearance:

0.41 Franco Parisi (11 goals in 27 substitute appearances)

0.32 Daniel McBreen (8 goals in 25 substitute appearances)

0.32 Archie Thompson (7 goals in 22 substitute appearances)

0.30 Wynton Rufer (6 goals in 20 substitute appearances)

0.28 Bobby Despotovski (7 goals in 25 substitute appearances)



Super-Sub Franco Parisi has made a mark as an impact player in the National League this season.

## ANASTASIADIS TO TAKE AUSSIE GREEK SQUAD

Former South Melbourne striker John Anastasiadis has been appointed as head coach of a select Australian-Greek soccer side set to tour Athens in June this year.

John beat off a few notable candidates for the number one job, one being Power coach Nick Theo.

Alongside the former PAOK Salonika star is former Socceroo Peter 'Kat' Katholos who will act as the side's General Manager.

Sixteen players from across Australia will be selected from both the National League and State Premier Leagues.

This tour was organized for the preparation of the Olympic Games next year in Athens.

A full listing on the squad names will be named shortly.

## BECKS EARNS \$51 A MINUTE

How's this for a statistic - England skipper and Man United star David Beckham last week was voted as the highest money earner in world soccer according to France Football magazine.

The mag put his earnings at 15 million euro (\$A26.75 million) a year, one million more than Real Madrid's French star Zinedine Zidane.

The magazine calculated earnings from salaries, bonuses, endorsements and image rights.

It estimated Beckham was paid 6.6 million euro (\$A11.77 million) in salary and 8.4 million euro (\$A14.98 million) in endorsements.

It was calculated through his earnings that 'Becks' earns \$51 a minute!!!





# OFF THE CROSSBAR

By Allan Crisp

## YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

The fact that decorated football club Liverpool is due to make its first visit to Australia to contest the Under 20 International Soccer Challenge in August sparked the question, how did the song, "You'll Never Walk Alone" become the theme tune of the English club?

To experience the Kop at Anfield burst into full voice the "Anthem" penned by Rodgers and Hammerstein's for their classic musical Carousel, is, I am told, something completely unforgettable.

The history of the attachment stems from Liverpool FC when on tour in Germany in search of one of its 38 major trophy conquests when it claimed four European Cups to add to its six FA Cups and 18 English League championships.

It's not clear if Liverpool had just completed one of those four European Cup triumphs or were about to play for the honour, but part of the tour included a visit to a theatre to see the also touring English group Gerry and the Pacemakers in action.

The popsters called the Liverpool players on stage to join in singing their version of "You'll Never Walk Alone" to rapturous applause.

When Liverpool played its next home game at Anfield the Kop and the entire crowd struck up with the song and it remained a ritual at the club.

Bill Shankly, himself a managerial institution at Liverpool, once summed up the Kop thus, "The Kop's exclusive, an institution, and if you're a member of the Kop, you feel you're a member of a society, you've got thousands of friends around you and they're united and loyal."

"When the ball is down the Kop end, they frighten the ball. Sometimes they suck it into the back of the net."

Kevin Keegan gave this interpretation of the incredible influence of the Kop, despite his team (Newcastle United) winning the Anfield game 2-0 over Liverpool.

"The highlight of the game was not our two goals or the three points we won," Keegan said. "It was when our fans made the Kop sing 'You'll never walk alone.' It was as if they couldn't come here and go home without hearing it sung in all its glory."

"It was very emotional, and something I'll remember forever."

## TOUGH COMPETITION

Liverpool will clash with tough opponents when it takes on Bayern Leverkusen (Germany), Panathinaikos (Greece), Hajduk Split (Croatia), Chievo Verona (Italy) Cosco (China), a Malaysian select and Australia, represented by last year's runner-up the Australs.

International Soccer Challenge chairman, Glenn Dods said he is delighted by the teams recruited for the 2003 tournament.

"We've taken a huge step forward this year in securing quality clubs such as Liverpool, Bayern Leverkusen, Panathinaikos and Chievo Verona," the former Kiwi World Cup player said.

"The event is earning enormous respect in Europe and has rapidly established itself as the most important Under 20 event in the world. We have had several other clubs express interest for next year, so we are delighted," Dods said.

Indicative of the growth of the International Soccer Challenge (formerly the Festival Cup) has been the acquisition of a major corporate and community support for this second season of the series.



New naming rights sponsor, Adelaide based joint venture company, Club Finance and Club Money Management has agreed to a multi year sponsorship deal which will see them invest significantly in the grass roots programs of South Australia.

In a unique arrangement, all SA soccer clubs will benefit directly from the sponsorship through ticket rebates and product usage incentives.

The International Soccer Challenge will be staged at Hindmarsh Stadium and spread to regional townships such as Whyalla, Berri and Mount Gambier.

The series starts on August 7 and concludes with the grand final and third place play-off on August 17.

## OCTONARIANS

Club loyalty knows no bounds at Premier League club Playford Patriots where four eighty-year old gentlemen of the sport continue to hold official positions with the northern area club.

Bob Low, 88 years young, is the senior member of the elite group which includes Arthur Field, Ron Fraser and the recently qualified Bill Henderson.

At the opposite end of the age scale, ambitious State League outfit, the Panthers have recruited three 20-year old English players John Cant, Toby Clark and Adam Maio.

The trio from English soccer academies will be with the Panthers for the remainder of the season and are part of a player exchange arrangement.

While celebrating this reversal of Australia's player-drain to overseas clubs, diminutive Maltilda midfielder Stacey Stocco is maintaining the exodus by leaving this week to join professional WUSA club the Boston Renegades.

Stocco began her career national league career with the Adelaide Sensation at the tender age of 13.

She came under notice when she played for Australia in the World Youth championships in Canada last August.

Stocco has the talent and the skill to make it to the USA top shelf competition, the WUSA, where fellow South Australians Diane Alagich (San Jose Cyber Rays) and Cheryl Salisbury (New York Power) played with distinction.

## MILO GOOD FOR KIDS

Former Socceroo and West Adelaide Sharks midfielder Branko Mitosevic has been appointed coach of the Under 13 development squad.

Mitosevic, who coached Olympic FC for the past three seasons, joins another ex-West player on the SASF coaching staff, Brenton Hiern, the Under 15 coach.

Mick Doyle is the Under 14 coach, while former Croydon Kings player Elvis Markov is the Under 16 mentor.

Meanwhile, vastly experienced mentor Sam Miskelly has been given the plum job as SASF senior regional coach.

He will work with the federation clubs to establish communication links with club coaches.

## SA HISTORY

A major event to celebrate the SASF Centenary was held on Anzac Day when the first soccer game to be played on Saturday, April 25 of 1903 was honoured at the Adelaide City Park Lands, on the corner of Hutt Street and South Terrace.

That match played under the auspices of the South Australian British Soccer Association was between South Adelaide and Woodville.

The same venue is still being used as the home ground of the Adelaide City Women's Soccer Club.

The club recognised the historic occasion by scheduling its Premier Division match against MetroStars to coincide with the anniversary.

SASF chairman Tony Henshaw and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide City Council, Alfred Huang unveiled a commemorative plaque on the site at exactly the same time as the historic game was played.

## CUP RUMBLES

Divisions will collide when the Federation Cup quarter-finals are played on Adelaide Cup Day (Monday, May 19).

Premier League clubs will be challenged to maintain the status quo when they oppose State League opposition on the road to the knock-out cup semi-finals on Monday, June 9.

Galaxy looks to have the toughest contract when they take on runaway State League leaders the Campbelltown Red Devils at Camden Sports Complex.

But, Olympic FC should not take the Sergio Melta coached Cumberland Foxes lightly when they are judged at the "old" Bailey Reserve.

A Northern Demons win over MetroStars would constitute the greatest upset of the series since it began in 1907.

## FEDERATION CUP QUARTER FINALS

Monday, May 19

Galaxy v Campbelltown City (Camden)

Cumberland Foxes v Olympic FC

(Bailey Reserve)

MetroStars v Northern Demons

(Shutter Reserve)

Salisbury United v Raiders

(Steve Jarvis Park)

## SA PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS ROUND 10

Modbury Jets 1 (Breton) Para Hills Knights 0. Best - Modbury Jets: Marwe, Plukett, Breton; Para Hills: Gooding, Gigliotti, Jones.

Galaxy 1 (Rodosthenous) Raiders 2 (Trimboli 2). Best - Galaxy: Cartwright, Dawes, Utjesenovic; Raiders: Daniel Menechella, Yates, Trimboli.

Adelaide City 6 (Musolino 2, Goulding, A. Pellegrino, Deegan) Croydon Kings 2 (McGregor, J. Richardson). Best - Adelaide City: M. Scarsella, Pellegrino, Musolino; Croydon Kings: Wojkow, Stavrides, M. Richardson.

White City Woodville 0 MetroStars 3 (Day 2, Artone) Best - White City: Leane, Tibaldi, Armour; MetroStars: Misailidis, Deloiso, SaFalino.

Olympic FC 2 (Spatharos 2) Playford Patriots 1 (Farncombe). Best - Olympic: Godley, Mihailopoulos, Spatharos; Playford Patriots: Reynolds, Allen, Agars.

Enfield Falcons 3 (Tsekis 2, Fowler) Blue Eagles 0. Best - Enfield Falcons: Tsekis, Matzis, Mulady; Blue Eagles: Zito, Pezos, Sevisi.

## STATE LEAGUE

Cobras 1 (H. Skoumbros) Western Strikers 0. Best - Cobras: Pontikinas, Makris, Harpas; Strikers: Agalitis, Esposito, Martine.

Campbelltown Red Devils 10 (Anicichario 2, Anastasiou 2, Calabria 2, Signoriello, Rechichi, Savio, Scalzi. Seaford 0. Best - Campbelltown: Calabria, Signoriello, Anicichario; Seaford: Hewson, Powell, Bunnak.

Pirates 1 (Unglaube) Panthers 2 (Calvanese, Cant) Best - Pirates: Maio, C. Alagich, McFayden; Panthers: Clark, Mayo, Williamson.

Port Pirie City 1 (Joslyn) Northern Demons 3 (Talbot, Fasciano, Ainsworth). Best - Port Pirie: Amato, Joyce, Joslyn; Northern Demons: Mitchell, Stelle, Mazza.

Hills Hawks 3 (Elliot 2, S. Bowden) Salisbury United 2 (Coolen, Groth). Best - Hills Hawks: Elliott, Keegan M. Bowden; Salisbury: Coolen, McKenna, Deeley.

Noarlunga United 1 (Foy) Cumberland United 6 (Fusco, Donk, Gagliardi, Margaritis, Leet, Low) Best - Noarlunga United: Savage, McLean, Foy; Cumberland: Paterson, Gagliardi, Leet.

# VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2002/03

## ROUND 12

Sat, 10 May, 3:00 PM

Bentleigh Greens SC .....0 Altona Magic SC .....1  
(A. Opazo)

Sun, 11 May, 3:00 PM

Preston Lions SC .....1 Fawkner Blues SC .....0  
(Treceviski V)  
Altona East Phoenix SC .....0 St Albans Saints SC .....1  
(Debevc D)  
Essendon Royals SC .....1 Whittlesea Stallions SC .....3

	P	W	D	L	P	A	P	T
1. Altona Magic SC	12	7	3	2	24	13	24	
2. Preston Lions SC	12	7	2	3	22	16	23	
3. Green Gully Cavaliers SC	11	6	4	1	22	7	22	
4. Whittlesea Stallions SC	12	7	1	4	24	19	22	
5. Frankston Pines SC	11	5	3	3	25	18	18	
7. Essendon Royals SC	12	5	3	4	16	15	18	
8. Bulleen Zebras SC	11	3	4	4	23	23	13	
9. Bentleigh Greens SC	12	3	4	5	19	23	13	
10. Fawkner Blues SC	12	3	4	5	13	24	13	
11. Altona East Phoenix SC	12	1	2	9	9	21	5	
12. Port Melb Sharks SC	11	0	1	10	12	32	1	

## ROUND 13

Fri, 16 May, 8:15 PM

Port Melbourne Sharks SC vs.

Bulleen Zebras SC

Sun, 18 May, 3:00 PM

Frankston Pines SC vs. Altona East

Phoenix SC

St Albans Saints SC vs. Preston

Lions SC

Fawkner Blues SC vs. Bentleigh

Greens SC

Altona Magic SC vs. Essendon

Royals SC

Mon, 19 May, 8:15 PM

Whittlesea Stallions SC vs. Green

Gully Cavaliers SC



## St Albans Saints

Club scored a tough one-nil victory over lowly Altona East Phoenix last week.





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## Premier League Round 9 *By Glenn Davis*

# LIONS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS AS FAVOURITES

**R**ochedale Rovers coach Keiran Cooper believes championship favourites Queensland Lions are cruising to another title after a round of shock losses from finals contenders in the Brisbane premier league.

Rochedale, who finished third bottom last season, leaptfrogged into equal second with Taringa Rovers after a 2-1 away win over former league leaders Wynnum.

Rochedale's victory came at the same time Taringa suffered an upset 2-0 away

loss to North Star while Pine Rivers lost 2-nil at home to strugglers Souths.

"We're now equal second with Taringa and ahead on goal differences with Wynnum but I think Taringa and Pine Rivers losing has handed Lions the premiership," Cooper said.

"We're only two games away from the half way mark in the season and Queensland Lions would have to lose two matches while the chasing pack would have to just about win all their remaining games."

Cooper agrees with rival coach Bobby Hamilton who rates this season's premier league as one of the tightest for many years with Lions clearly the standout side.

"It's a close competition this year and if Bobby is saying that than I agree," he said.

"If you win a couple of games you're suddenly up there near the top and if you lose a couple you can be down near the bottom."

Rochedale's win followed a goal in each half from midfielder Gareth Dorey who latched onto a diagonal ball to smash a half volley into the top corner of the bet in the 25th minute while John Weatherby netted in the second half.

Cooper conceded Rovers' second goal came from a set-piece which went horribly wrong three minutes into the second half before Wynnum's Josh Rose made for an interesting finish scoring off a corner in the 51st minute.

"The first 20 minutes of the game we started well but then Wynnum murdered us," Cooper said.

"Wynnum attacked really well but our defence was tremendous."

Hamilton was delighted with his side Palm Beach Shark's performance in a close 1-nil win over Ipswich Knights.

Defender Andy Hatlin broke the deadlock midway through the second half forging down the right flank before scoring from 22 metres.

"It was a very close game and what's surprising me this year is there's no easy games," Hamilton said.

"I think we've got a reasonable side this year but even when we played The Gap who are running last we only just managed to win 3-2."

Palm Beach enjoyed the majority of possession in the first half but Ipswich hit back to dominant after the interval.

"We had total possession in the first half but they really played well in the second half and went close to scoring on a couple of occasions."

"They could easily have sneaked a draw. They're a lot better than their position on the table."

"It's a tight league. Any team which strings two wins together can be in the top three."

While happy with the Ipswich result, Hamilton, who has wealth of experience and numerous titles under his belt, is not content with Palm Beach's position just outside the top six.

"We've dropped points I thought we should have picked up this year," he said.

"I think we could be about three or four points better off up the table."

North Stars' 2-nil home win against Taringa was arguably the biggest bombshell of the round.

Taringa were one of the competition's form sides and were sitting second, ahead of Wynnum on goal difference, before North Star inflicted their third loss of the season.

North Star stunned Taringa racing to a 2-nil lead at half time after goals from Damien Tune and Shaun Blackman and held on to the lead to record their fourth straight win.

Coach Ken Swan was ecstatic with the victory against Taringa who has several players in the Queensland side.

North Star was tipped early in the season to be one of the sides likely to battle for relegation but suddenly after hitting a purple patch of form is on 13 points and within sight of a Top Six finish.

"We chased shadows in the first 15 minutes but our plan was to stay in the game which we did by denying them space," Swan said.

"Our first goal came against the run of play but then we became competitive."

"We're finishing the round strongly and we've got Souths and Pine Rivers next so hopefully we can continue our winning run."

Swan believes there's been no miracle cure to find winning form after North Star had a slow start to the season.

"It takes time to get the players to play the way you want and it doesn't happen overnight," Swan said.

"We've probably played better in some games early in the season but we're now playing as a team."

"I think only one or two of our players would make the Taringa squad they're that strong and they've got five or six in the Queensland side."

Souths were second last on the table but took a vital step to avoid relegation with a 2-nil win over third placed Pine Rivers, which enabled them to leapfrog Ipswich.

Souths led 1-nil at half time after midfielder Brendan Young put the visitors ahead after only 10 minutes while Mark Riley tucked away a penalty midway into the second half.

Souths coach Peter Bannon was delighted with the victory with his side missing three key players through injury and suspension.

Souths were without skipper Simon Kaliba with an ankle injury, defender Scott Davidson was suspended while striker Wade Cannon was married last Saturday.

"We had a disruptive week with the injuries and suspension so to come away with a win over Pine Rivers was good," Bannon said.

"All the credit goes to the players because they came out in the right frame of mind and got a nice early goal."

"The win takes us above Ipswich and it makes our game next week against North Star that much more important."

In other games Brisbane City picked up a valuable three points with a 2-1 win away over Toowoomba while Queensland Lions stretched its lead at the top of the table to five points with a 3-nil home win over The Gap.

Brisbane City's goals came from Barry Wilkinson in the first half and Robbie Kidd after the break.

"It's terrific for us that Taringa, Pine Rivers and Wynnum all lost and take us within one point of second place," said coach Frank Pimblett.

Lions' goals came from an own goal, Danny Flakas and Warren Moon.

### Premier League 2003

#### As at Round: 9

	P	W	L	D	PTS
QLD LIONS	9	7	2	0	21
TARINGA	9	5	3	1	16
ROCHEDALE	9	5	3	1	16
WYNNUM	9	5	3	1	16
PINE RIVERS	9	5	4	0	15
BRIS. CITY	9	5	4	0	15
PALM BEACH	9	4	4	1	13
NORTH STAR	9	4	4	1	13
TOOWOOMBA	9	3	4	2	11
SOUTHS	9	3	5	1	10
IPSWICH	9	2	5	2	8
THE GAP	9	1	8	0	3

**Premier League:** North Star 2 (Damon Tune, Shaun Blackman) d Taringa 0; Souths Utd 2 (Brendan Young, Mark Riley), Brisbane City 2 (Barry Wilkinson, Robbie Kidd) d Toowoomba 1 (Gregor Podeschwal), Palm Beach 1 (Anders Hatlin) d Ipswich Kn, Rochedale 2 (Garreth Dorey, John Weatherby) d Wynnum 1 (Joshua Rose), QLD Lions 3 (OG, Daniel Flakas, Warren Moon) d The Gap 0.

### First Division 2003

#### As at Round: 9

	P	W	L	D	PTS
CAPALABA	11	8	1	1	25
EASTS	11	7	1	2	23
MITCHELTON	11	6	3	2	20
BRIS. OLYMPIC	11	5	1	4	19
UNI OF QLD	11	6	3	1	19
ROCKLEA	11	4	3	3	15
PENINSULA	11	4	5	1	13
ALBANY CK	11	3	5	2	11
REDLANDS	11	2	4	4	10
INALA	11	2	5	3	9
BEENLEIGH	11	2	6	2	8
MT GRAVATT	11	1	7	3	6
NEWMARKET	11	2	8	0	6

**First Division:** UQ 1 d Peninsula 0; Brisbane Olympic 1 d Mitchelton 0; Beenleigh 2 d Albany Ck 1; Capalaba 1 d Rocklea 0; Easts 1 v Mt Gravatt 1; Inala 1 v Redlands 1.

## ROUND 10 FIXTURES

### SATURDAY MAY 17

THE GAP	v	ROCHEDALE ROV	7:00PM	Wait. B Pk
PINE RIVERS UTD	v	WYNNUM	7:00PM	W.A. Pk
SOUTH UTD	v	NORTH STAR	7:00pm	W'Ley Pk

### SUNDAY MAY 18

TARINGA ROVERS	v	PALM BEACH SHARKS	3:00PM	Jk Sp. Pk
IPSW KNIGHTS	v	T'WMBA RAIDERS	3:00PM	E. Evans Pk
BRISBANE CITY	v	QUEENSLAND LIONS	3:00PM	Spencer Pk





# VICTORIAN CHRONICLES By Brendon Davis

## SOUTH AGM

Sundays AGM was a long and emotional meeting which saw George Vasilopoulos return to the South fold for the first time this season.

One fan sarcastically suggested there was a larger attendance at Bob Jane for the meeting than were in Sydney for the NSL finals fixture there.

Despite the predicted divisions and controversy, the meeting was civil and orderly with all of Peter Mitrakas' candidates being re-elected.

Challenger Kimon Taliadoros addressed the meeting, spoke of his passion and love of South Melbourne but was silenced when asked by a member why, on the basis of his love for South, he defected to Marconi during his playing days. Taliadoros was unlikely to have won election to the Board before hand - this ensured he would fail in his quest.

Those elected, and the number of votes secured were:

Athanasakis 227	Livaditis 170
Papou 224	Sterpin 158
Stavros 217	Tripotseris 157
George 210	
Diamantaris 209	Taliadoros 124
Anezakis 207	Zervos 121
Poutakidis 206	Maclaren 117
Mitrakis 199	Leloudas 85
Skrepetis 195	Hatzileftherious 73
Margaritis 195	
Maikousis 189	Petropoulos 63
Delaney 171	



**Peter Mitrakas: Was re-elected into the South board again.**

While on the coaching issue, it is believed that a decision will be made within the next few days as to who will take the side next season.

## MARUSIC - KNIGHTS CAN'T AFFORD HIM

Former Melbourne Knights favourite Kresimir Marusic is unlikely to secure the coaching job at Sommers Street.

Marusic had an interview with the Board which lasted over two hour meeting but his asking price seems beyond the Knights budget. A further complication is his desire to work without the "constraint" of the club's director of coaching, Mirko Bazic.

The Knights confirmed they had inter-

viewed both Marusic and club stalwart Vlado Vanis who has been coaching successfully in the VPL.

Knights chief executive John Ovcacic said the preferred option was to entice Bazic back from Croatia to oversee the Knights coaching operation, with a coach working under him responsible for the NSL side.



**'Too expensive for Sommers Street' - it is unlikely Kresimir Marusic will coach the Knights next season.**

"Our discussions with Bazic haven't stalled; he is considering his options. We'll make a definitive answer in the next six weeks said Knights General Manager, John Ovcacic."

## PELIKAN TO EUROPE

Melbourne Knights striker Anthony Pelikan is to be transferred to Croatian giants, Dinamo Zagreb for a \$360,000 fee.

The clubs have agreed the fee, the Knights are expecting to receive the written contract from the Croatian club tonight.

Soccer Australia will issue the international release once the money is transferred to the Knights.

However Pelikan said last night he had not yet agreed personal terms.

"My manager is working on it and I don't think it's too far from getting sorted out," Pelikan said. "My understanding is they would want me over there as soon as possible. They still have six rounds of their season to play."

The signing comes after Knights coaching director Mirko Bazic organised a trial, which was twice extended.

"(Dinamo coach) Ciro Blazevic said a few nice things about me in the press over there and declared he wants me there, so he's the main reason they've decided to sign me," Pelikan said. "I'm really happy with the opportunity."

"Dinamo is the biggest club in Croatia and will be in Europe playing the Champions League next season. Hopefully I will have a couple of good seasons and then move on, the same way that Mark Viduka did."

## ALLSOP JOINS HULL

Former South Melbourne striker Daniel Allsopp has transferred from cash strapped Notts County to Hull City for a reported \$600,000 fee.

Allsopp has scored 43 goals in three years at English second-division side. With Notts being one of the numerous clubs in administration, they couldn't reject the offer from Hull.

"The only real factor was whether I wanted to drop down a division," Allsopp said after signing.

"But I went up to the stadium, had a look around and the club obviously has big ambitions. I decided I want to be part of that."



**Former South star Danny Allsopp has signed for Notts County this season.**

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONS CAPITAL

By Graham Cooke

## LEMEZINA IS BACK!

Veteran striker Tony Lemezina has come out of retirement to play with Capital City Suns in the ACT Premiership, coach Bill Dojcinowski said.

The former NSL star has made an instant impression, scoring a hat-trick in the 4-2 first-round win over Tuggeranong United, adding another goal as Suns went to equal top spot by beating ANU the following week.

Dojcinowski said Lemezina, who last played for Canberra Deakin in the 2001 grand final, is nowhere near the peak of fitness.

"He carried a cork thigh into the second game, and has missed a couple of training sessions with the flu, but he is coming good and is inspiring the players around him," the coach said.

Also in the Suns' camp this season is former Canberra Cosmos and Wollongong Wolves midfielder Ned Aleksic who, Dojcinowski said, scored "two of the sweetest goals I have seen" in the 3-0 beating of ANU.

Up front is former Weston Creek player Scott Bardsley, Canberra Deakin National Youth League defender Jason Borg is partnering the reliable Michael Seleki at the back, while another former Deakin player, Paul Djikic, could be the find of the season, Dojcinowski said.

"He is 23 and had never been given a regular first-team spot when he came to us," the coach said. "I was so happy with him at training that I gave him a chance and he has been sending over some beautiful crosses from right midfield."

## BLAND WANTED VICTORY

\*Tuggeranong recovered from the loss to the Suns to draw 0-0 with Federation Cup winners Gungahlin Juventus, a game coach Jimmy Bland says they should have won.

"We had a game plan against Juventus and we per-

formed it perfectly," Bland said. "I think if you put us, individual player against individual player, with the top clubs we would almost certainly lose out, so we have to rely on team effort, and that worked well."

Against the Suns early mistakes cost dear. "We were chasing the game from 15 minutes on, having to throw too many players forward and paying the penalty," he said.

While he dislikes singling out individuals, there is no doubt that midfield utility player Travis Dries is making an impression. The former United junior, who has returned to the club after a spell with Weston Creek Royals, is one of the fastest players in the league - too fast for his own good on occasions. "He has to learn to control that pace, once he does he will be an exceptional player," Bland said.

He has promoted five from last season's title-winning under-23 side. "I am in favour of continuous development and these players showed what they could do last season, so they deserved a chance in first grade," he said.

## VALERI SUPPORTS DEFERRAL

\*Soccer Canberra president Walter Valeri said he supported last weekend's deferral of a vote on a new board for Soccer Australia.

Valeri said SC's board had already decided to support the vote for a team headed by entrepreneur Frank Lowy. "When we arrived in Sydney we were told the vote would probably fail because in its present form it would have to be unanimous and two federations had already spoken against it," he said.

"By waiting a few more weeks we can re-draft the resolutions and be sure that the handover to Frank Lowy can go ahead without the fear of a legal challenge."

SC director Chris Conti, who also attended the meeting, said it was clear from the discussions that divisions still exist within the Australian soccer community.

"Some of our soccer figures are finding it hard to give up power," he said. "We hope that over the next couple

of years the process we have begun will take us beyond all the pettiness and put our game on top where it belongs."

## ACT PREMIERSHIP WRAP UP

Canberra Deakin moved into a two-point lead at the top of the ACT Premiership as their nearest rivals, Capital City Suns, stumbled to a 2-0 loss to Canberra City.

Deakin was in formidable form in their 6-0 win over University of Canberra Pumas, shutting the previously unbeaten opposition out of the game with four goals in the first 17 minutes.

Meanwhile, Gungahlin Juventus saved themselves from what was looking like the upset of the season, recovering from a 3-0 deficit to beat ANU 5-3. The three points send them into second place in the table.

The main talking point of the week is the terrible start made by Belconnen United, their 5-0 loss to Canberra Olympic being the second consecutive week they have been beaten by that score. United are point-less at the foot of the table and while they can expect some additional players once the Blue Devils' NSW Premier League season is over, it could be too late for them to make a serious challenge for honours.

Deakin overran the Pumas in the opening minutes, Andrew Barisic finding the net after 56 seconds, followed by Paul Ivanic, Zvonko Uslebrka and Aidan Brunskill.

That Deakin did not go on to make a cricket score can be put down to the inexperience of many of their young squad, playing in senior competition for the first time, and the fact the University refused to be mown over, running, chasing and tackling and for a while unsettling their clearly superior opponents.

The fifth goal did not come until the 61st minute, and that from the penalty spot after Craig Unwin fouled Ivanic, Uslebrka adding to his already formidable total in league and cup games this season.

Deakin's final strike was their best, Stephen Lee's

long-range dipping shot deceiving goalkeeper Aaron Thomas.

The University never really looked like scoring, their best effort coming on the stroke of half time when Unwin picked up a poor clearance to smash the ball back low and hard, but straight at goalkeeper Doug Hyson, who made a routine save.

Deakin coach Miro Trinic said things were going well for his team leading into important games against the Suns and Juventus.

"My main concern is the early start to the National Youth League season, which will leave us very short of players from August onwards," he said.

Olympic's win over Belconnen came courtesy of four goals from Ellie Salloum, with Robbie Cattanaich netting the other. The win means Olympic slips into third place in the table, ahead of the Suns on goal difference.

In the other game played, Tuggeranong United salvaged a point at Cooma with a 90th minute penalty by Matthew Menser after Travis Dries had been brought down. Cooma had taken the lead after five minutes through Alvaro Guzman.

United coach Jimmy Bland said that while his team had had winning chances, they were forced to battle. "I don't see many team having an easy time of it here," he said.

## ACT PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra Deakin	3	3	0	0	14	0	9
Gungahlin Juventus	3	2	1	0	9	6	7
Canberra Olympic	3	2	0	1	11	5	6
Capital City Suns	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Cooma	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Canberra City	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Tuggeranong Utd	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Uni of Canberra	3	0	2	1	1	7	2
ANU	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
Belconnen United	3	0	0	3	2	13	0



# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

## Final Series Rd 9

No.	Team	GP	W	D	L	Streak	GF	GA	Pts
1	Perth Glory	8	7	0	1	W6	26	6	24
2	Olympic Sharks	7	3	1	3	W2	13	10	16
3	Adelaide City Force	8	4	1	3	L1	12	13	13
4	Parramatta Power	8	3	3	2	D1	14	17	12
5	Northern Spirit	8	2	2	4	D1	7	16	8
6	Newcastle United	7	0	1	6	L3	6	16	1

### NEWCASTLE UNITED

(S Smeltz 43')

1

### ADELAIDE CITY FORCE

(B Hassell 66', B Despotovski 81')

2

Referee: Simon Micallef. Crowd: 4,484 Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Teams: ADELAIDE CITY FORCE: Acevski, Fyfe, Kovacevic, Valkanis, Pellegrini, Pantelis (Kemp 89'), Veart, Smeltz (Tunbridge 85'), Vidmar, Lozanovski (Terminello 85'), Pelosi.

Subs Not Used: Lagati, Scarsella (gk).

PERTH GLORY: Harnwell, Horsley, Harnwell, Hassell (Byrnes 86'), Gumprecht (Danze 92'), Miller, Despotovski, Mori, Pryce, Colosimo, Tarka.

Subs Not Used: Mrdja, Caceras, Matassa (gk).

Cautions: A Vidmar (ACF) 68', J Harnwell (PG) 39'.



David Tarka (right) and Force's Shane Smeltz shown in action during last week's round 8 clash at Hindmarsh Stadium.

### PARRAMATTA POWER

(P Cardozo 7', P O'Grady 43')

2

### NORTHERN SPIRIT

(B Groves 82', A McDermott 93')

2

Referee: Mark Shield. Crowd: 2,460 Venue: Parramatta Stadium.

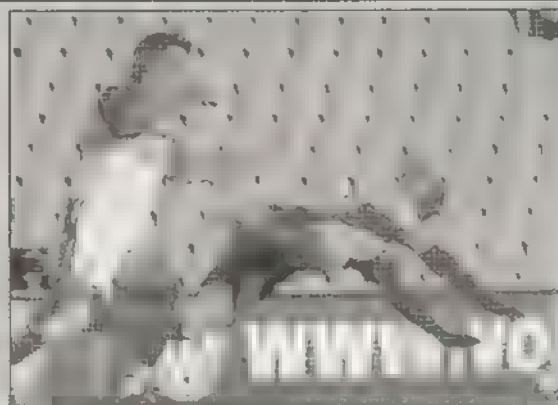
Teams: PARRAMATTA POWER: Vukovic, Ceccoli, Beauchamp, Thompson, O'Sullivan, Cardozo (Brownlie 88'), Brown (Renaud 70'), Salapasidis (Maloney 75'), O'Grady, Buonavoglia, Elrich.

Subs Not Used: Orlic, Carman (gk).

NORTHERN SPIRIT: Henderson, Spencer, Tobin, Ferguson, Kwasnik, Hutchinson, Groves, Tomasevic (Obeid 46'), Petrie, Osman (Milligan 80'), Richter (McDermott 29').

Subs Not Used: Wilkinson, Rex (gk).

Cautions: B Renaud (PP) 88', S Petrie (NS) 22', I Ferguson (NS) 93'.



Vuko Tomasevic shown flooring Power's Kosta Salapasidis.

### OLYMPIC SHARKS

### NEWCASTLE UNITED

Played Monday 12th May

7.30pm

(Missed Deadline due to Printing Time)



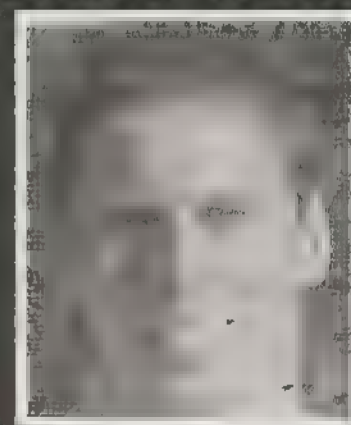
#### ROUND 9 - FINALS FIXTURES

Northern Spirit - Newcastle United  
Perth Glory - Olympic Sharks  
Parramatta Power - Adelaide City Force

#### ROUND 10 - FINALS FIXTURES

Newcastle United - Perth Glory  
Adelaide City Force - Northern Spirit  
Olympic Sharks - Parramatta Power

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK



### ANDY MCDERMOTT (NORTHERN SPIRIT)

Spirit substitute Andy McDermott all but ended the Grand Final hopes of the Power when his late goal snatched a point away from the hosts at Parramatta Stadium.

The former QPR, West Brom and Notts County player was without doubt the pick of the Northern Spirit players, setting up Brad Groves 82 minute strike before netting the equaliser.

He added a great deal of gusto to the Spirit midfield and proved the old adage wrong that defensive minded midfielders indeed score the odd goal.

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

Name	Club	Total
DESPOTOVSKI Bobby	Perth Glory	12
MILICIC Ante	Olympic Sharks	6
MORI Damian	Perth Glory	6
PELOSI Claudio	Adelaide City Force	4
PARISI Franco	Olympic Sharks	3
SMELTZ Shane	Adelaide City Force	3
WEDLOCK Paul	Parramatta Power	3
OGATA Paul	Parramatta Power	3



# NSL FINAL SERIES ROUND 8

Adelaide City Force: 1 Perth Glory: 2

## Perth Glory Douse Force Finals Claims



By Allan Crisp

It "ain't over until the Fat Lady sings," but the rotund diva surely is in rehearsal to warble a fond farewell to the NSL finals hopes of the gallant Adelaide City Force.

Perth Glory weathered a torrid Force storm to seize a third Grand Final home ground advantage with two goals in a withering three minute second half burst to claw back from a goal behind.

The biggest crowd of the season (4484) rallied to help the Force in its bid to score its first ever win over Perth Glory at Hindmarsh Stadium.

This, after all, was virtually a Grand Final for City, but the importance and pressure of the occasion boiled into frustrated frenzy when fans hurled plastic drink bottles at supporting officials Matthew Cream and Craig Dunkin.

Cream needed a security escort at the end of the game as sections of the crowd continued to dispute a disallowed City goal, claiming that Damian Mori was in an offside position before he passed the ball to team-mate Bobby Despotovski.

Adelaide City more than matched the Glory as it produced an array of attacking

moves to earn the majority of first half scoring chances, but when referee Simon Micallef blew the final whistle, the home side was left to lament its squandered opportunities.

The Force scored the goal it fully deserved two minutes before half time as Kiwi international Shane Smeltz was left unmarked in the centre of the goalmouth to accept a cross from Goran Lozanovski to fire home from close range.

Superb fluid play began that success as Olyroo defender Iain Fyfe, Lozanovski, Aurelio Vidmar and the tactically aware Claudio Pelosi continually pestered the Glory defence.

City powered into the opposition penalty 13 times to six by Perth in that glorious first 45 minutes, earning nine shots on goal to a mere four from the visitor.

But those statistics changed dramatically in the second half with the Glory finding the net with those crucial late strikes.



Deadly Glory marksman Bobby Despotovski shown celebrating the winning goal in his side's triumphant two-one away win to assure them a place in this year's NSL Finals.

The first goal came from the not unexpected boot of former Force midfielder Brad Hassell, who unleashed a magnificent 25-metre thunderbolt that crashed past City goalkeeper Lupce Acevski in an unreachable spot just under the crossbar.

It was an early Mother's Day present for Hassell's mom, who led the cheers on behalf of the Hassell family.

A minute later Vidmar raced into the box to poke the ball over the Perth goalline

to seemingly regain the lead for City, but assistant Dunkin signalled that the former Socceroo midfielder had handled the ball after Perth goalkeeper Jason Petkovic had parried a close range drive.

Protests were aired but video replays proved that Dunkin was correct in his ruling that Vidmar had touched the ball with his raised right hand.

After consulting with his assistant referee Micallef disallowed the "goal" and tracked Vidmar to the centre circle to issue a booking that will bring a one-game suspension to the former Socceroo captain.

With the score poised on 1-1, Perth knew a point would likely be enough to earn the coveted Grand Final hosting gig, while City was aware that victory would be the only agreeable outcome.

There was to be a further release of emotions from the home supporters when they screamed for an offside decision against former home-town hero Mori before he released to Despotovski. Again, a study of the match video in slow motion, justified the correctness of the ruling from the assistant.

With just nine minutes remaining Despotovski celebrated signing a new two-season contract for Glory by sliding in his 13th goal of the finals campaign to snare three more points for the boys from the West.

There could have been a further twist to the tale when substitute Scott Tunbridge rattled the crossbar with a header during the three additional stoppage minutes, but that consolation was denied the Force.

Former West Adelaide Sharks player Alan Vest, now assistant coach to Mich D'Avray, had a busy night on the phone taking instructions from the Glory supremo, who was perched high in the Western Grandstand taking advantage of a superior view.

When all the statistics were tallied it was the superior finishing ability of Perth that gained the spoils, but the highly competitive losers can hold their heads high



Glory's Jaime Harnwell contests with Force striker Shane Smeltz in last week's exciting two-one away win for the Glory.



Eye on the ball - Force custodian Lupce Acevski pulls one of his many saves.



# NSL Finals Series Round 8

**Parramatta Power**

**Northern Spirit**

## LATE GOALS TURN OFF THE POWER

By David Mason

**P**arramatta Power's charge to the National Soccer League grand final hit a significant snag when two late Northern Spirit goals saw the sides split the points in a 2-2 draw at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Two first half goals to Pablo Cardozo and Paul O'Grady saw the Power cruising in calm waters but some poor finishing and two wonderful late strikes from Spirit's Bradley Groves and Andrew McDermott evened the ledger.

The 2-2 draw kept Parramatta Power's seven-month unbeaten record at Parramatta Stadium intact but the failure to win the match has all but finished its hopes of progressing to a first ever NSL grand final.

The result was not a true indication of Power's dominance, especially in the first 60 minutes of the match when only inept finishing by the home side kept Northern Spirit in the match.

But to Spirit's credit they hung in gamely with resolute defence and a strong belief and when they got a sniff of a chance late in the game they went in for the kill.

The afternoon started according to plan for Parramatta Power with Pablo Cardozo scoring his third goal in four games in just the 7th minute.

Qantas Australian U23 representative Ahmad Elrich found space on the left flank and his cross found Johnny Buonavoglia, who in turn played a neat pass to Damien Brown to deliver the killer ball to Cardozo at the far post.

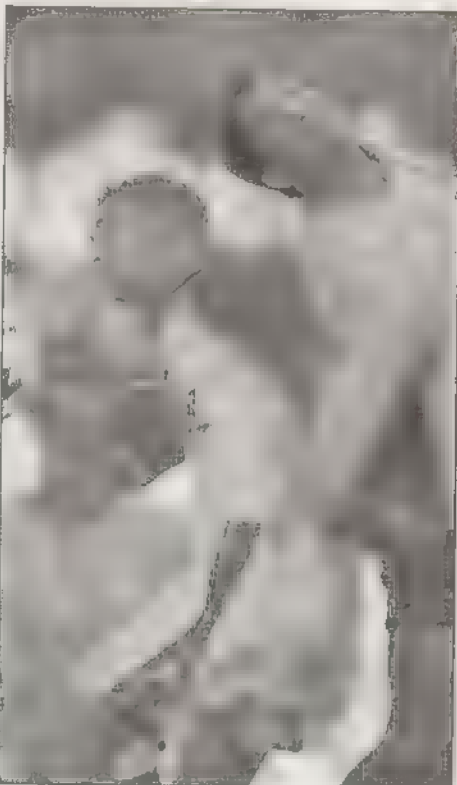
The NSL veteran lost his man and headed the ball past former team mate Paul Henderson from the edge of the six yard box. It was simple and clinical.

Power continued to dominate but they were thrown an unlikely lifeline midway through the first half when a clumsy Paul O'Grady challenge on John Hutchinson saw referee Mark Shield point to the

penalty spot.

Spirit's leading goalscorer Vuko Tomasevic stepped up to the ball and hit the shot with venom but the shot was beautifully saved by rookie goalkeeper Daniel Vukovic, who was brought into the side for Liam Reddy.

Reddy was dropped during the week for disciplinary reasons but Vukovic ensured the Power lost nothing with a very polished match. The 18-year-old was a member of Power's National Youth League



Former Power star and now Spirit midfielder Brad Groves (left) shown contesting a header with Parramatta's Pablo Cardozo.

championship team and was very impressive.

He made another crucial save from Adam Kwasnik in the second half and his work collecting crosses and on the ground was strong and confident.

Power extended its lead in the 43rd minute when O'Grady scored his 4th goal of the season with a powerful but simple header from a Wayne O'Sullivan cross.

O'Grady, who has been a revelation since his mid-season signing from NSW State League club Parramatta Eagles, ventured forward and ghosted into the far post to get in behind the Spirit defence and crash the ball passed Henderson.

The teams went to the break with Power holding a 2-0 lead and it looked like Power would march on with the job when they resumed in dominant style after the break, creating numerous chances.

But the midfield dominance and creativity in attack was not followed by composure and deftness in front of goal as Power wasted a multitude of chances.

Kosta Salapasis, Johnny Buonavoglia and Brad Maloney all missed glaring opportunities during the match and the young Spirit side made them pay.

The inspiration for the Spirit revival was without doubt Andrew McDermott, who came into the game in the 27th minute as a substitute for Jonty Richter.

McDermott added spice and starch to the Spirit midfield and he had a huge hand in Bradley Groves' 82nd minute goal that looked like being nothing but a consolation as Power was still peppering the Spirit goal.

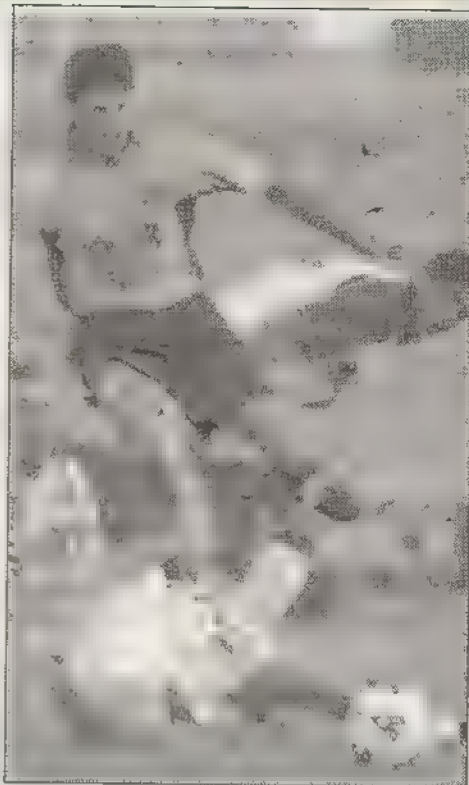
But the Power season came crashing down around them in the 94th minute when McDermott struck a deadly equaliser.

Scottish import Stewart Petrie whipped in a dangerous cross that was only half cleared, straight into McDermott's path and he steadied before firing a 12m drive that took a slight deflection and then went into the back of the net off the post.

It was a slight injustice but Power has no one to blame but themselves for not killing off the game on any one of six or seven occasions throughout the match.

McDermott was without doubt the pick of the Spirit players while Cardozo, O'Sullivan and teenage goalkeeper Vukovic did well for Parramatta Power.

After the game Parramatta Power coach Nick Theodorakopoulos was philosophical about the his



Stewart Petrie and Omar Obied attempt to tackle Power's Michael Beachamp during last week's final series match.

side's failure to win the game and highlighted many positives to come out of what was a breakthrough season for the Power.

"I thought we should have wrapped it up well before they scored their first goal but that's football," Theodorakopoulos said. "If you don't put away your chances there can be no complaints about conceding late goals."

"We play a very attacking style of play, which means attractive football and lots of chances but with that comes the odd strike at the other end and today it cost us. Plenty of times this year it has worked in our favour so the positives far outweigh the negatives in that respect."

"We have had a good season but it was always a building season for next year when we have aspirations to finish higher than what we have this year."



## SOCCERWOMAN

BY JANENE MAR

## WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2003 TO BE MOVED FROM CHINA

**L**ast Saturday week, the FIFA Executive Committee made the decision to transfer the Women's World Cup 2003 to another country due to the health risks posed by the SARS virus in the original host country of China.

FIFA decided on the move in compliance with a unanimous recommendation from the FIFA Sports Medicine Committee who, upon consultation with experts from the World Health Organisation and other specialists, advised against holding the event in China.

FIFA, in its media release, listed the USA and Australia as having expressed interest in now staging the event. FIFA also advised they would be "clarifying the situation over the next few weeks, especially with regard to the timing of the championship."

The final competition should, ideally, coincide with the timing of that originally planned for China, (that being 23 September to 11 October). The final decision will be made by either the FIFA Emergency or Executive Committee.

FIFA also announced at the same time that China will now host the 2007 Women's World Cup.

Since FIFA's decision was announced, there has been much talk around the globe as to who will be the new host.

### USA APPEARS TO BE

### FRONT RUNNER

A delegation from US Soccer flew to Zurich for a meeting with FIFA last Tuesday on the subject of taking over as host of the 2003 World Cup. During the meeting, which lasted over two hours, US Soccer's Secretary-General Dan Flynn, Deputy Executive Director Jay Berhalter, and a representative of the TV rights holders made a presentation of their plans of staging the event, whilst FIFA's Deputy General-Secretary Jerome Champagne, department heads, event managers, and marketing staff also outlined their requirements and expectations.

Afterwards, FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren told Associated Press, "Clearly, we cannot lay on a lavish fiesta, but there is a commitment from the United States to make it a world-class event."

He added, "From what I have seen it is a proposal that reflects US soccer's experience with world events that kind of professionalism." Herren also indicated the decision may not be made until the end of May.

USA of course was host of the 1999 Women's World Cup which attracted world record crowds, and is home of the best league in the world - the WUSA professional league.

### CANADA WANTS A SLICE

The Canadian Soccer Association announced last Wednesday that it is interested in hosting one of the groups (including Canada) at the Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, should the World Cup be awarded to the US. The CSA has officially informed both FIFA and US Soccer, and has the backing of CONCACAF.

Edmonton was the main host city of last year's inaugural FIFA U19 Women's World Championship.

### SWEDEN PUTS HAT IN THE RING

The Swedish Football Federation last Wednesday announced it has written to FIFA, outlining plans and declaring they are "ready to take over the hosting of the Women's World Cup". Sweden have also requested "guarantees so that we don't risk an economic loss by taking over a championship on such short notice". Norway reportedly declined Sweden's suggestion of a joint bid.

Sweden was host of the 1995 Women's World Cup.

### OTHER NAMES

Brazil and Italy are other names being mentioned as interested.

## DEVOUT MUSLIM AND SOCCER PLAYER FEATURES ON ABC-TV

From Niki Cook, Media Liaison, South Melbourne Women's Soccer Club

**A**BC-TV will be broadcasting a documentary this Wednesday 14 May at 6.30 pm featuring Afifa Saad, a member of the South Melbourne Women's Soccer Club. Afifa is both a devout Muslim and dedicated soccer player, currently in her third year at South Melbourne. The documentary follows a day in her life focusing on how she combines her two passions, remaining true to her faith by wearing the hijab (traditional head scarf) and ensuring only her face and hands are visible at all times - including on the soccer field.

An extremely talented player, Afifa has made her mark as both a goalkeeper and a striker, and her ambition is to represent Australia one day.

She has also worked in the community to try and encourage Muslim women to break down traditional barriers and

become involved in sport. Her own tears highlight how it is possible to do so whilst adhering to her faith.

Her courage and ambition make her a role model for women of all races and religions, and this feature, especially with the current level of interest in women's soccer following the success of "Bend It Like Beckham" and the phenomenal growth in participation, provides an excellent opportunity to further promote this growing sport.

Don't miss Afifa's story on

**NEW DIMENSIONS WITH GEORGE NEGUS: PEOPLE DIMENSIONS ABC-TV, WED 14 MAY, 6.30 PM**



# ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE



**B**olton dived West Ham beneath the relegation waters for the final time with victory over Middlesbrough. The Trotters' 2-1 win made it almost impossible for West Ham to escape the drop into the Football League, although the Londoners went down fighting with a 2-2 draw at Birmingham.

Needing to match the Hammers' result at Birmingham, Bolton took the lead through Per Frandsen 10 minutes into the game at the Reebok.

Jay-Jay Okocha, arguably Bolton's most influential player in the relegation run-in, then curled in a stunning free-kick after 21 minutes to give Sam Allardyce's side a significant cushion.

Former Bolton striker Michael Ricketts caused more than a few palpitations among the home fans when he pulled a goal back in the 61st minute.

But, with Boro's Frank Queudrue sent off late in the game, Bolton held on for the win.

West Ham took the lead against Birmingham with veteran striker Les Ferdinand heading home in the 66th minute.

Geoff Horsfield levelled for the home side and Stern John gave them the lead only for Paolo Di Canio to net the Hammers' equaliser.

West Ham caretaker boss Trevor Brooking felt his side should have beaten Birmingham, but always knew a Bolton win would be decisive.

Chelsea beat Liverpool 2-1 to claim the final Champions League place.

Sami Hyypia opened the scoring for Liverpool after 11 minutes, but Marcel Desailly's header put the home side - who were ahead of the Merseysiders on goal difference going into the game - back in the box seat.

And winger Jesper Gronkjaer steered home a fine individual effort to give Chelsea the lead in the 27th minute, which proved to be enough for victory.

To complete a miserable day for Liverpool, midfielder Stephen Gerrard was sent off in the closing stages after picking up two yellow cards in the final five minutes.

Everton's hopes of securing a UEFA Cup place were ruined when they lost 2-1 at home to champions Manchester United with Ruud van Nistelrooy's penalty - his 44th goal of the season - winning the game.

David Moyes' side, who needed to beat United to be sure of pipping Blackburn to a European berth, took an early lead through Kevin Campbell.

But David Beckham's 43rd-minute equaliser meant they were always going to struggle with Blackburn, who enjoyed a better goal difference at the start of play, taking Tottenham apart.

The game at Goodison also saw one of the greats of European football, Laurent Blanc, take his last bow before heading for retirement.

In Teddy Sheringham's final game for Spurs, the opening goal went to another former Manchester United striker with Dwight Yorke giving Blackburn the lead in the fifth minute.

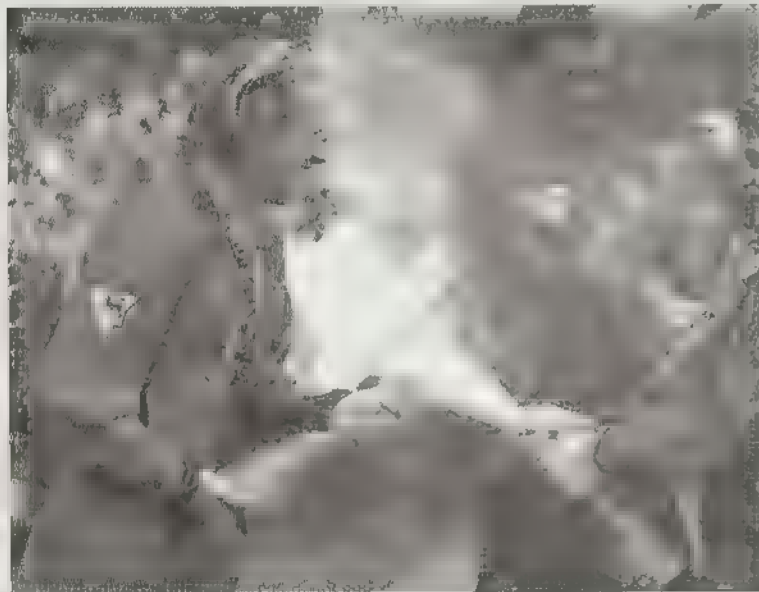
The home side's chances were further hampered when Gustavo Poyet was red-carded for a foul on Garry Flitcroft and Rovers added a second goal through Craig Hignett in first-half stoppage time.

Spurs, battered 5-1 at Middlesbrough last time out, were in for more humiliation as Damien Duff scored Blackburn's third three minutes into the second half.

And Andy Cole put Rovers 4-0 up on the hour mark to pile more pressure on Spurs manager Glenn Hoddle and secure a UEFA Cup passport for Blackburn.

Southampton's Michael Svensson had the honour of scoring the final goal at Maine Road before Manchester City's move to the Commonwealth Stadium, giving the FA Cup finalists a 1-0 win.

Sunderland will be playing First Division football next season and lasted all of seven minutes before conceding a goal to Arsenal's Thierry Henry this afternoon, and went on to capitulate 4-0 with Freddie Ljungberg scoring a hat-trick.



With a Premiership-size wage bill weighing them down, there are some hard questions for West Ham to answer in the summer months accentuated by the spectacle of former manager Harry Redknapp docking happily in the top flight with Portsmouth.

## RESULTS

Birmingham C.	2	West Ham U.	2
Bolton W.	2	Middlesbrough	1
Charlton Athletic	0	Fulham	1
Chelsea	2	Liverpool	1
Everton	1	Manchester U.	2
Leeds U.	3	Aston Villa	1
Manchester C.	0	Southampton	1
Sunderland	0	Arsenal	4
Tottenham H.	0	Blackburn R.	4
West Bromwich A.	2	Newcastle U.	2

## BARCLAYCARD PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	38	25	8	5	74	34	83
Arsenal	38	23	9	6	83	42	78
Newcastle	38	21	6	11	63	48	69
Chelsea	38	19	10	9	68	38	67
Liverpool	38	18	10	10	61	41	64
Blackburn	38	16	12	10	52	43	60
Everton	38	17	8	13	48	49	59
Southampton	38	13	13	12	43	46	52
Man City	38	15	6	17	47	54	51
Tottenham	38	14	8	16	51	62	50
Middlesbrough	38	13	10	15	48	44	49
Charlton	38	14	7	17	45	58	49
Birmingham	38	13	9	16	41	49	48
Fulham	38	13	9	16	41	50	48
Leeds	38	14	5	19	58	57	47
Aston Villa	38	12	9	17	42	47	45
Bolton	38	10	14	14	41	51	44
West Ham	38	10	12	16	42	59	42
West Brom	38	6	8	24	29	65	26
Sunderland	38	4	7	27	21	65	19

A Scott Dobie double ensured West Brom's brief stay in the top flight ended on a high note as they drew 2-2 with Newcastle.

In a meaningless capital scrap at The Valley, Charlton's Dean Kiely was sent off after giving away a penalty with a foul on Louis Saha.

The Frenchman then converted the spot-kick to give Fulham a 1-0 win.

Leeds, who secured their Premiership safety with a 3-2 win at Highbury last weekend, finished with a victory, beating Aston Villa 3-1 thanks to goals from Ian Harte, Nick Barnby and Mark Viduka.

# ITALIAN SERIE A



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	32	20	9	3	59	24	69
Inter Milan	32	18	7	7	60	36	61
AC Milan	32	17	7	8	50	25	58
Lazio	32	14	15	3	53	29	57
Chievo	32	16	6	10	48	35	54
Parma	32	13	11	8	50	34	50
Udinese	32	14	8	10	34	34	50
Roma	32	13	9	10	54	44	48
Brescia	32	9	14	9	33	33	41
Bologna	32	10	11	11	38	42	41
Perugia	32	10	11	11	38	44	41
Empoli	32	9	10	13	35	43	37
Modena	32	9	10	13	28	44	37
Atalanta	32	6	14	12	31	45	32
Reggina	32	8	8	16	34	52	32
Piacenza	32	7	6	19	38	57	27
Como	32	3	12	17	27	55	21
Torino	32	4	8	20	22	56	20

**J**uventus were crowned champions of Italy for the 27th time on Saturday afternoon. The Turin giants took the Serie A title despite being held to a 2-2 draw by Perugia at the Stadio Delle Alpi.

Marcello Lippi's men were guaranteed the Scudetto when nearest challengers Inter Milan were held 1-1 at home by Parma. Juve knew that what ever happened at the San Siro they would take the title with victory on Saturday.

And when David Trezeguet put them ahead from the spot on 25 minutes

everything was set fair for a party.

But Fabrizio Miccoli, who will be playing for Juve next season, levelled for the visitors on 36.

Marco Di Vaio put The Bianconeri ahead again in the first minute of the second half, but Fabio Grosso earned Perugia a point with a second equaliser in the dying seconds.

That result was rendered meaningless by events in Milan, where Inter were held by Parma.

The Nerazzurri went ahead eight minutes before the break with a goal from Mohamed KaKon.

But an equaliser from Romanian Adrian Mutu on 63 ensured the Scudetto stays in Turin for another season.

Elsewhere Lazio remain on course for a place in the Champions League next season after a 2-0 win away at Bologna.

After ensuring their Serie A status last weekend with a win over Parma, Bologna were unable to contain a Lazio side who had vowed to go all out for the win at the Stadio Dall'Ara.

But it took the visitors until the stroke of half-time before they could break the deadlock and it needed a penalty to do so with Simone Inzaghi converting from the spot.

Lazio's second came just before the hour mark when Giuseppe Favalli found the target.

Brescia made absolutely sure they will be playing Serie A football next

## FIXTURES - May 18, 2003

Milan Bologna	Reggina Juventus
Lazio Brescia	Parma Piacenza
Atalanta Como	Chievo Roma
Torino - Empoli	Perugia - Udinese
Modena Inter	

season thanks to a late goal from Stephen Appiah won the day against AC Milan.

Milan probably paid the price for having one eye on Tuesday's Champions League semi-final second leg with city-rivals Inter, and after Lazio's win Milan are only clinging on to third spot in Serie A by a point.

Inter's draw with Parma also means Milan are three points adrift of second place and an automatic Champions League spot.

Roma kept their dream of UEFA Cup football alive thanks to Antonia Cassano's brace against relegated Torino.

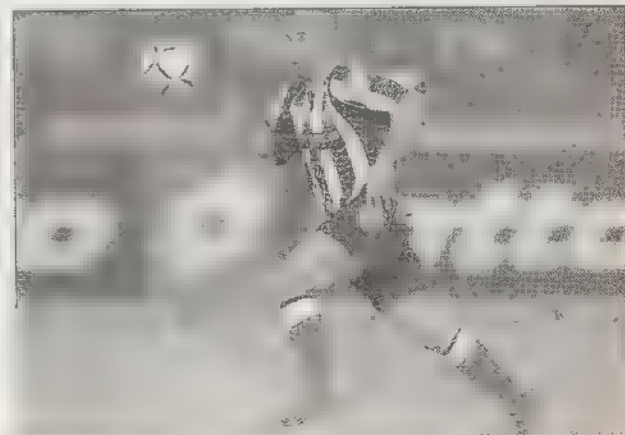
His double put the home side in a commanding position with just over an hour gone and Daniele De Rossi made sure with the third.

Torino, with only pride left to play for this season, managed a consolation goal through Gianmarco Frezza.

Chievo are still on the Champions League trail after sinking doomed Como in a six-goal thriller.

The visitors started with clear intent and were two up after just 22 minutes with Daniele Franceschini and Luciano hitting the target.

The onslaught continued with goals just before and after half-time thanks to Franceschini again and then Sasa Bjelanovic, but Como showed spirit with two late strikes.





# WORLD



## Champions League



Semi-finals 1st leg

06 May 2003

**Real Madrid** .....2

23 Ronaldo  
73 Roberto Carlos

**Juventus** .....1

45 Trezeguet

07 May 2003

**Milan** .....0

**Internazionale** .....0



## Scottish Premier League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	36	29	4	3	93	27	91
Celtic	36	29	4	3	88	24	91
Hearts	36	17	9	10	56	49	60
Kilmarnock	36	16	8	12	45	50	56
Dunfermline	36	13	6	17	51	63	45
Dundee	36	10	14	12	48	53	44
Hibernian	36	14	6	16	52	60	48
Aberdeen	36	11	10	15	36	52	43
Livingston	36	9	8	19	45	54	35
Partick	36	7	11	18	34	55	32
Dundee Utd	36	6	11	19	34	66	29
Motherwell	36	6	7	23	37	66	25



## Spanish Primera Liga

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
D Coruna	33	20	6	7	59	36	66
Real Sociedad	33	19	9	5	62	41	66
Real Madrid	33	18	11	4	71	38	65
Celta Vigo	33	15	9	9	38	26	54
Valencia	33	15	8	10	48	28	53
Athletic Bilbao	33	12	9	12	52	52	45
Barcelona	33	11	11	11	52	42	44
Mallorca	33	12	8	13	43	50	44
Real Betis	33	11	11	11	44	46	44
Malaga	33	10	13	10	39	37	43
Sevilla	33	11	10	12	29	29	43
Racing Santander	33	12	5	16	44	51	41
Aletico Madrid	33	10	11	12	44	44	41
Valladolid	33	11	7	15	31	34	40
Villarreal	33	10	10	13	33	43	40
Espanyol	33	9	11	13	39	43	38
Recreativo Huelva	33	8	10	15	33	55	34
Osasuna	33	8	10	15	29	43	34
CD Alaves	33	8	10	15	32	55	34
Vallecano	33	7	7	19	27	56	28



## French Ligue 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyon	36	19	10	7	61	36	67
Monaco	36	18	10	8	59	30	64
Marseille	36	18	8	10	37	33	62
Bordeaux	36	17	9	10	54	35	60
Sochaux	36	17	12	8	42	28	60
Auxerre	36	16	10	10	34	28	58
Guingamp	36	17	5	14	52	44	56
Nice	36	13	15	8	37	28	54
PSG	36	14	11	11	47	34	53
Nantes	36	15	8	13	36	37	53
Lens	36	12	15	9	38	30	51
Bastia	36	12	10	14	38	44	46
Strasbourg	36	11	11	14	39	52	44
Montpellier	36	10	9	17	35	50	39
Lille	36	9	12	15	27	42	39
AC Ajaccio	36	9	11	16	29	47	38
Rennes	36	9	9	18	32	44	36
Sedan	36	9	9	18	38	53	36
Le Havre	36	9	8	19	24	43	35
Troyes	36	6	10	20	21	42	28



## Belgian Eestchlasse

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club Brugge	32	26	3	3	98	32	81
Anderlecht	32	24	2	6	78	29	74
Lokeren	32	19	5	8	73	51	62
St-Truidense	32	17	7	8	64	43	58
Genk	32	17	6	9	75	51	57
Lierse	32	16	8	8	51	41	56
Gent	32	17	2	13	56	48	53
Standard Liege	32	14	8	10	51	37	50
Mons	32	14	4	14	46	44	46
Excelsior Mouscron	32	11	5	16	47	65	38
Westerlo	32	11	3	18	36	52	36
Beveren	32	11	2	19	49	72	35
Antwerp	32	9	7	16	46	54	34
Germinal	32	9	6	17	51	56	33
La Louviere	32	8	9	15	35	43	33
Charleroi	32	7	8	17	44	66	29
Lommel	32	7	3	22	28	78	24
KV Mechelen	32	4	6	22	21	87	18



## German Bundesliga

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	32	22	6	4	68	23	72
Borussia Dortmund	32	15	11	6	50	26	56
VfB Stuttgart	32	16	8	8	50	37	56
Hamburg	32	14	10	8	43	35	52
Hertha Berlin	32	15	6	11	50	41	51
Werder Bremen	32	15	4	13	48	45	49
Schalke	32	11	13	8	44	38	46
1860 Munich	32	12	9	11	42	45	45
Wolfsburg	32	12	7	13	37	40	43
VfL Bochum	32	11	8	13	50	53	41
FC Kaiserslautern	32	10	9	13	40	40	39
Hannover 96	32	11	6	15	44	55	39
Borussia M'gladbach	32	10	8	14	37	42	38
Hansa Rostock	32	10	8	14	32	39	38
Arminia Bielefeld	32	8	12	12	35	42	36
Bayer Leverkusen	32	9	7	16	43	56	34
Nurnberg	32	8	6	18	32	57	30
Cottbus	32	6	8	18	31	62	26



## Greek First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympiakos	29	67	20	7	270	20	
Panathinaikos	29	67	21	4	447	18	
AEK	29	65	20	5	470	27	
PAOK	29	53	16	5	857	35	
Panionios	29	53	15	8	633	21	
Hraklis	29	49	15	4	1043	35	
Ans	29	48	14	6	935	33	
OFI	29	44	12	8	939	32	
Xanthi	29	35	8	11	1030	28	
Aigalew	29	30	7	9	1327	43	
Proodeutiki	29	29	7	8	1424	37	
Akratitos	29	26	7	5	1732	59	
Kallithea	29	23	5	8	1627	46	
Iwnikos	29	21	4	9	1619	42	
Panacahki	29	9	1	6	2211	68	
PAS Giannina	29	65	5	7	1722	42	



## Dutch Eredivisie

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	31	25	5	1	84	17	80
Ajax	31	23	5	3	84	30	74
Feyenoord	31	23	4	4	82	36	73
RKC	31	14	4	13	42	46	46
NEC	31	12	8	11	38	40	44
NAC	31	10	13	8	33	28	43
Roda JC	30	12	7	11	47	46	43
FC Utrecht	31	11	10	10	42	41	43
Heerenveen	31	11	8	12	54	52	41
AZ	31	11	8	12	46	63	41
Willem II	31	10	8	13	45	47	38
FC Twente	31	9	11	11	32	40	38
RBC	31	10	6	15	32	44	36
Vitesse	31	7	8	16	31	46	29
FC Groningen	30	6	10	14	26	38	28
FC Zwolle	31	7	7	17	29	60	28
Excelsior	31	5	7	19	32	62	22
De Graafschap	31	5	5	21	32	75	20







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### PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL

 <b>A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers</b>	<b>3</b>
 <b>Bonnyrigg White Eagles</b>	<b>0</b>

By Paul Goodwin

The sun shone brightly on football at Lambert Park for the first time this season as A.P.I.A. took on Bonnyrigg in the Preliminary semi-final.

A rare afternoon fixture at the famous old ground drew a big and vociferous crowd and many present expected it to be close and exciting.

Exciting it certainly was, but by the finish it was far from close according to the scoreline, but figures can be deceptive.

In a tough and tense encounter there was little between the two sides other than taken opportunities and, in the case of the home side, a defending and superb goalkeeping by Bobby Catlin.

Catlin has been in vintage form of late and carried on his sterling work from the midweek catch-up game with Bankstown to save his side on several occasions in the second half, as Bonnyrigg gave it their all.

It was not for want of trying that the White Eagles remained scoreless, for in every department they attacked with flair and purpose.

Both teams went into the game with attacking formations, Apia including Norman Tome as well as Steve Karavatakis and Zlatko Arambasic, though the first two were expected to play from deep lying positions.

Bonnyrigg created most of the chances in the game, it must be said, but they set the pattern for the whole game when they missed opportunities from as early as the tenth minute.

After seeing the ball cleared off the A.P.I.A. line in the fifth minute following a corner, the White Eagles continued to have no luck in front of goal when in the 12th minute a Bobby Dragas header was cleared off the line as well.

Sandwiched between those hard luck stories was a glaring miss by Aaron Burgess in the 10th when racing onto a good pass from Mark D'Alessandro, only to fire straight at Catlin.

Burgess also put a ballet-like header wide in the 28th after combining well with Devrim Huseyin and the team's skipper Tayfun Devrimol.

At the other end A.P.I.A. began to make chances too and Arambasic skied his shot over the bar from only 3 yards out, after Karavatakis had cut the ball back from the right byline, nicely, following good work from Tome.

After Tome's header had been tipped over the bar by Fernando Greco in the 31st home supporters only had to wait another few moments for the deadlock to be broken.

The short corner was played to Paul Dee whose exquisitely chipped cross from the right byline was met by an equally fine glancing header from A.P.I.A. captain Damon Langan to find the centre of the net.

Catlin began to make his presence felt after this goal by saving everything thrown at him and he was to prove positionally astute in blocking a Michael Hawrysiuk shot in the 41st minute that looked likely to provide a quick equaliser.

An equaliser never came, though the visitors always looked dangerous enough to achieve one.

Catlin pushed away another Burgess effort moments before the break and once play resumed he was in the



Fernando Pellegrino (left) keeps possession from A.P.I.A.'s Steve Karavatakis (right).

luck of the action once more.

When Shane Knight was put through by Hawrysiuk to face the big keeper, in the 47th, his shot took a deflection, yet Catlin somehow made the reflex save he had to make to deny the striker.

Burgess lifted a shot just over again not long after, while at the other end Sam Larocca got his side moving after an exchange of passes with Ante Moric ended with a Larocca shot that skimmed the angle of the upright.

It was already the 63rd minute of an absorbing contest when A.P.I.A. extended their lead.

Slack defending close to goal allowed Apia man Tony Tesoro to get the ball over from the right byline, allowing Tome to drive the ball into the bottom left corner of Greco's goal, with the keeper offered no protection.

This goal impelled Bonnyrigg to push even more men forward and they now had Joe Bruni and Zlatko Donev on the field to boost their chances.

But first Dragas had to clear off the line, once more, from an Ante Moric shot that had come about after a smart piece of work by Karavatakis.

Dragas then moved upfield to chime in with the attack and to test Catlin fully.

Efforts of his in the 64th, 82nd and 85th were all dealt with by Catlin, once from a deflected shot, then from a superb drive issued from outside the box and finally from a header at close range.

A.P.I.A. took full toll of their opponents' commitment to attack by racing away three minutes into stoppage time to post a third goal.

Larocca took the ball on from half way and then slipped the ball to Tome who did the rest.

Beaten coach Ljube Jancev was not too concerned after the game as he felt that there was little between the two sides other than their ability to finish.

While that was true it was also correct to say that A.P.I.A. played it smart with their tactical approach.

Forced to field several players under an injury cloud and missing key midfielder James Stubbs-Mills, A.P.I.A. worked themselves into the ground to win this one.

It will be interesting to see if they can produce it all again next weekend.

The final word to Jancev on the second goal his side conceded.

"We were naive", he decreed, offering no complaints otherwise about that goal.

This may not have been a footballing classic but it had a feeling of finals' fever about it and that is what these games are all about.

Both teams will be back for more next week with different opponents and different tactics.

The pattern of this game is unlikely to be reproduced in either of those games as the stakes will be even higher.

**A.P.I.A.-LEICHHARDT TIGERS ..... 3**  
(D Langan 33, N Tome 63/93)  
**BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES ..... 0**  
at Lambert Park, Leichhardt

**A.P.I.A.-LEICHHARDT TIGERS:** 1 Bob Catlin, 17 Paul Dee, 3 Josip Moric, 15 Damon Langan (C), 16 Tony Tesoro, 18 Ante Moric, 5 Marcus Stergopoulos, Sam La Rocca, 19 Norman Tome, 10 Steve Karavatakis, 9 Zlatko Arambasic (12 Jeremy Brown 80)  
Sub not used: 14 John Paul Boutros, 8 James Stubbs-Mills, 11 Ryan Jones, Murray Nelson (RGK)  
Coach: Les De Celis

**BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES:** 1 Fernando Greco, 3 Mark D'Alessandro (11 Joe Bruni 52), 18 Fernando Pellegrino, 4 Bobby Dragas, 5 Tayfun Devrimol (C), 23 Devrim Huseyin, 7 Javier Mancino (13 Robert Angievsk, 46, 12 Zlatko Donev 57), 8 David Harding, 16 Michael Hawrysiuk, 9 Shane Knight, Aaron Burgess  
Subs not used: 15 Oygur Askin, Alex Augusto (RGK)  
Coach: Ljube Jancev

Referee: Craig Pearce  
Assistant Referees: Jim Nicolaou and Lindsay Edmonds  
Fourth Official: Jim Barnes



Veteran Tigers goalkeeper, Bobby Catlin, makes another spectacular save.

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### ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL

<b>Belconnen Blue Devils</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Parramatta Eagles</b>	<b>0</b>

By Graham Cooke

**D**anny Macor, so often the Saturday night hero for the Belconnen Blue Devils, saw them through to their second consecutive minor semi-final with the only goal of the game against Parramatta Eagles.

It was a quality strike from the edge of the penalty area in the 62nd minute, just at the time when Devils supporters in the packed grandstand were beginning to take uneasy glances at their watches, but any easing of tension around the McKellar Sports Centre was momentary.

A penetrating run at the home defence by Matt O'Shea ended with Daniel Cummins shooting just over. Then – and this was to be the closest the Eagles came – a corner by Malcolm Meilak found Cummins who headed past goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca at the far post only for David Arranz to somehow collect the ball on his chest

and turn it round the post.

As time wore on an increasingly frustrated Cummins tried to do it all himself, and might have succeeded but for a strong tackle by Elliott Zwangobani just as the way to goal was opening.

But in the final minutes it was Belconnen who could have sent the crowd wild with delight by sealing the game. First Macor was through on the counter-attack, but goalkeeper Bradley Swancott was too quick, whipping the ball off his feet, then in stoppage time Andy Rakic tried to set up Daniel Camara, who would surely have scored if he had been able to control the ball.

The first half had seen chances for both teams. Cummins was in the action for Parramatta, forcing a fine save from Giannasca, and at the other end Man Valeri and Stewart Camara saw their attempts hit the crossbar in quick succession.

Devils' coach Lino Fiorese said there had been opportunities for the home side to make things safe throughout

the contest. "But because we took only one of them, Parramatta were always in the game," he said.

"I asked the boys to work harder today after we ended the regular season with a draw and a loss, and they responded. We deserved this result."



Daniel Camara was unlucky not to score the Blue Devils second goal.

"Now we are back on the winning way and with no additional injury problems, I hope we can make it a roll that will take us all through the finals."

**BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS ..... 1**  
(D Macor 62')  
**PARRAMATTA EAGLES ..... 0**  
at McKellar Sports Centre, McKellar

**BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS:** 1 Anthony Giannasca, 2 Adrian Dowling, 5 Oscar Zamora (18 Andy Rakic 58), 6 Jaime Mauro (7 Michael Katz 46), 8 Elliott Zwangobani, 10 Daniel Macor, 11 David Arranz, 13 Stewart Camara, 15 Matt Valeri (19 Daniel Camara 80), 17 Stephen Kemp, 25 Nick Purdie

**Coach:** Lino Fiorese  
**PARRAMATTA EAGLES:** 1 Bradley Swancott, 2 Michael Kladis, 5 Mark Reveley, 6 Daniel Borg, 7 Mauricio Islas (4 Malcolm Meilak 53), 9 Anthony Mondello, 10 Anthony Mitiga, 11 Matt O'Shea, 13 John Keiso, 14 Nathan Rivera (17 Adam Anderson 71), 19 Daniel Cummins

**Coach:** John Callea  
**Referee:** Simon Przydacz  
**Assistant Referees:** David Wiebe, Les O'Donoghue  
**Fourth Official:** Ben Wilson

**Cautions:** Blue Devils: Jaime Mauro, David Arranz, Adrian Dowling, Parramatta Eagles: Mauricio Islas, Nathan Rivera, Matt O'Shea  
**Crowd:** 755

## ROUND 21 RESCHEDULED FIXTURES

<b>A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bankstown City Lions</b>	<b>1</b>

By Paul Goodwin

**T**his important game went ahead nine days after it had been originally due to be played at Lambert Park.

It had been called off originally only moments before the scheduled kick off, following a torrential downpour which had left referee Vic Gaucci with no alternative but to abandon ship.

That particular Sunday the ground was inundated with water in a day of phenomenal rainfall but under all that water was the lushest of green pitches and the mudweek resodging suffered no such problems.

While the home side began well there was no doubt that their opponents, with little to play for, were intent on making a game of it, perhaps playing for places in the team next season. Bankstown made life hard for A.P.I.A. as the game wore on but by that stage they were already two goals down.

Unselfish work from golden boot aspirant Zlatko

Arambasic set up Steve Karavatakas for the opening goal in the 16th minute.

Arambasic made good progress down the right and with the goal beckoning chose to ship the ball wide to Karavatakas on his left and the club's longest serving striker tucked the ball nicely inside the right post.

Bankstown were not without their moments, George Issa and Alex Asanovic both finding the side netting in the opening half hour, but they did almost concede a second in the 43rd.

Paul Dee crossed smartly from the right for Karavatakas and the keeper needed to save well to deny another goal, but with Ante Moric lurking it took a brave save from Zlatko Josevski to thwart the latter Apia man.

Bankstown really took the game to A.P.I.A. after the break but misses by Asanovic from a Gomez ball in at the 53 minute mark and a great save from Bob Catlin from an Alex Trpkoski header kept A.P.I.A. in the lead.

Then against the run of play A.P.I.A. scored their second

Karavatakas carried the ball down the left to the edge of the box and shaped to cross for his partner Arambasic, but a hand extended by Lions defender Elias Augennos prevented the ball reaching its target.

The 58th minute penalty was an easy decision for Vic Gaucci to make and it was no surprise when Arambasic elected to take the spot kick and then duly convert it.

Bankstown did not let this second setback daunt them and came back strongly.

Diving headers from George Issa and a shot from Trpkoski that rattled the left post put scares through the A.P.I.A. camp and it should have come as no surprise when Fernando dos Santos slipped the ball in the path of Asanovic to steer the ball past Catlin with a clinical finish in the 80th.

With five minutes to go Chris Bradley let fly with a superb volley that had goal written all over it but Catlin once more came to the rescue with a magnificent save.

The fact that all the lights in one corner of the ground went out midway through the second half failed to lower the intensity of either side and it was an excellent game to finish the scheduled season with, full of suspense, good competitive football and potential drama.

A.P.I.A. wound up the winners narrowly but it was not the kind of game they had been expecting and those at the ground certainly did get their money's worth.

**A.P.I.A.-LEICHHARDT TIGERS ..... 2**  
(S Karavatakas 16', Z Arambasic 58' pen)  
**BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS ..... 1**  
(A Asanovic 80')  
at Lambert Park, Leichhardt  
Tuesday 6th May, 2003 kick-off 7.30pm

**A.P.I.A.-LEICHHARDT TIGERS:** 1 Bob Catlin, 17 Paul Dee, 3 Josip Moric, 15 Damon Langan, 18 Tony Tesoro, 18 Ante Moric (11 Ryan Jones 88), 5 Marcus Stogiopoulos (C) 8 James Stubbs-Mills, 12 Jeremy Brown (7 Sam La Rocca 68), 10 Steve Karavatakas, 9 Zlatko Arambasic, Sub not used, 14 John Paul Boutsos, 4 Ross Kethel, 13 Norman Tome

**Coach:** Les De Cels  
**BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS:** 1 Zlatko Josevski, 3 Elias Augennos (20 Jason Aneviski 88), 10 Alex Trpkoski, 8 Glenn Moore, 6 Chris Bradley, 13 George Issa, 14 Paul Wearne, 15 Fernando dos Santos (19 Robert Milevski 88), 17 Jane Talceviski (17 Omar Saad 88), 7 Alex Asanovic, 13 Robert Gomez

**Sub not used:** Adrian Marcellino (R&G), 7 Richard Lukic  
**Coach:** George Fernandez  
**Referee:** Vic Gaucci  
**Assistant Referees:** Keith Anderson and Danny Adamopoulos  
**Fourth Official:** David Finlay  
**Cautions:** A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers: Paul Dee 66, Damon Langan 78, James Stubbs-Mills 72, Bankstown City: Elias Augennos 58, Jane Talceviski 63

<b>St George Saints</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic</b>	<b>0</b>

By Greg Stock

**P**arramatta Eagles booked themselves a place in Saturdays Elimination Semi-Final after Canterbury-Marrickville were defeated 1-0 by St. George in the Round 21 catch-up match at Jensen Park on Tuesday night.

Needing a win to tip the Eagles out of fifth spot, the Berries were held scoreless by a fired up Saints outfit, who scored just the solitary goal, a 37th minute header from former Socceroo Abbas Saad.

With so much riding on the outcome of the game it was disappointing to see Canterbury bow out so easily. Needing four competition points from their final three

games, they played out a scoreless draw with A.P.I.A. and lost to both Parramatta Eagles and St. George, scoring just one goal in the process.

Their Achilles heel that has dogged their season became apparent in all three of those games, the lack of a credible striker who was able to convert chances. Against St. George they had three times as many shots on goal, three times as much possession but were unable to convert their hardwork into anything tangible.

Alan Picken was largely Canterbury's best hope and he turned in his customary spirited game. But with speedsters Leigh Gunn and Aheleas Kotsopoulos well held they relied too much on Picken's aerial expertise to put away opportunities and sadly he had a forgettable evening. Evangelos Petratos and Nick Bohantis kept him

well in check, having strong matches, the Berries best efforts limited to John Kyriazopoulos and George Nohra who chipped in from the midfield.

At the other end, St. George stuck to coach Manny Spanoudakis's game plan and came up trumps. Saad scored just his fourth goal of the year when he slid in between Cormack Begley and Sasa Ujesenovic to knock down an inch perfect cross from George Maglis on the right. Sitting back and counterattacking on the break, they used the speed of midfielder Aheleas Kotsopoulos and Raphael Bove to great effect to keep the Berries defenders on edge.

Their final tally of 23 competition points includes four wins and a draw from their final seven games, a good finish to a season that at one stage looked in danger of self destructing.

Ultimately it was Eagles Assistant Coach John McKie who was on hand with a number of the clubs players and officials that went home the real winners. Canterbury left to mull over what have been from a year which saw them inside the top three for most of it, but failing to make the post season.

**ST. GEORGE SAINTS ..... 1**  
(A Saad 37')  
**CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC ..... 0**  
at Jensen Park, Sifton  
Tuesday 6th May, 2003 kick-off 7.00pm

**ST. GEORGE SAINTS:** Michael Xuereb, Vince Savoca, Nick Boianitis, Evangelos Petratos, Jose Mendes, George Maglis, Bruno Beddoni (Jade Parmell 85), Aheleas Kotsopoulos (Zaki Adoski 79), Simon Verrender, Raphael Bove (Max Sevares 76), Abbas Saad

**Coach:** Manny Spanoudakis  
**CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC:** Ivan Neceviski, Sasa Ujesenovic, Cormack Begley, Tom Marc Michael West 57, Paul Bourke, Con Paradis 70, Leigh Gunn (Andy Amegashie 57), Alan Picken, Aheleas Kotsopoulos, George Nohra, Ben Price, John Kyriazopoulos

**Coach:** Greg Woodhouse  
**Cautions:** Nil  
**Referee:** Greg Leverton  
**Assistant Referees:** Andrzej Knieiski and Colin Smith  
**Fourth Official:** Peter Apostolou





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### PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL FIRST GRADE

**A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers** .....3 **Bonnyrigg White Eagles** .....0  
(D Langan 33', N Tome 63/93')

### GRADE 19

**Rockdale City Suns** .....2 **A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers** .....1  
(sG Nastevski 31', C Joesvski 106') (R Kethel 21')

### ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL FIRST GRADE

**Belconnen Blue Devils** .....1 **Parramatta Eagles** .....0  
(D Macor 62')

### GRADE 19

**Parramatta Eagles** .....2 **Bonnyrigg White Eagles** .....3  
(M Kassils 19/63') (B Mitrovic 1/33', M Simonovic 75')

### RESCHEDULED FROM ROUND 21

**A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers** .....2 **Bankstown City Lions** .....1  
(S Karavatakis 16', Z Arambasic 58' pen) (A Asanovic 80')

**St George Saints** .....1 **Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic** .....0  
(A Saad 37')

## NSW PREMIER LEAGUE 2002/03 FINALS SERIES

### MAJOR SEMI-FINAL FIRST GRADE

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	DATE	KICK-OFF	GROUND
Blacktown City Demons	v A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers	Sat 17th May	6.00pm	Gabbie Stadium

### GRADE 19

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	DATE	KICK-OFF	GROUND
Blacktown City Demons	v Rockdale City Suns	Sat 17th May	3.30pm	Gabbie Stadium

### MINOR SEMI-FINAL FIRST GRADE

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	DATE	KICK-OFF	GROUND
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	v Belconnen Blue Devils	Sun 18th May	3.00pm	Serbian Centre

### GRADE 19

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	DATE	KICK-OFF	GROUND
A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers	v Bonnyrigg White Eagles	Sun 18th May	12.30pm	Serbian Centre

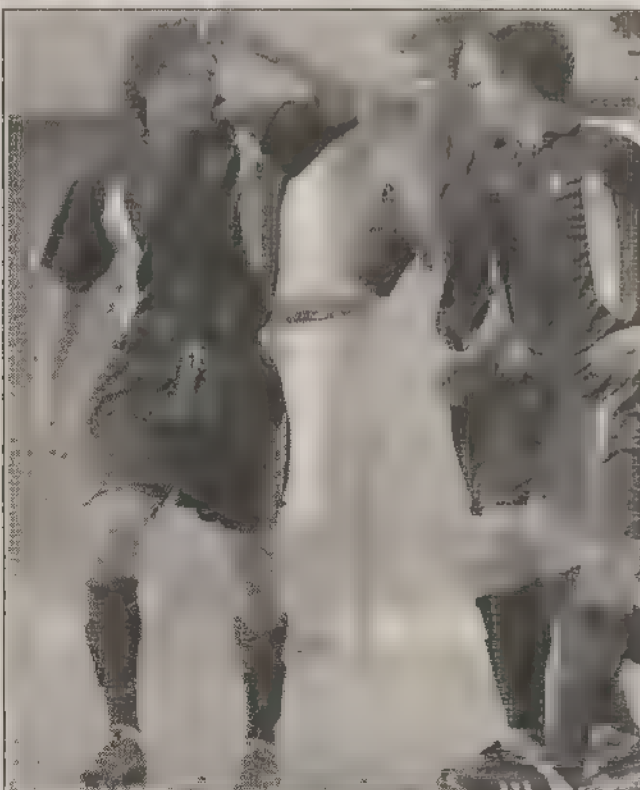
## FINAL TABLES STANDING FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Blacktown City Demons	22	14	3	5	48	23	25	45
A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers	22	11	7	4	44	25	19	40
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	22	11	5	6	47	35	12	38
Belconnen Blue Devils	22	10	6	6	43	32	11	36
Parramatta Eagles	22	9	7	6	37	30	7	34
Rockdale City Suns	22	9	7	6	38	33	5	34
C'bury Marrickville Olympic	22	8	8	6	36	26	10	32
Penrith Panthers	22	6	6	10	29	33	-4	24
St George Saints	22	7	2	13	33	49	-16	23
Bankstown City Lions	22	6	5	11	28	45	-17	23
Colorbond Coasties	22	6	3	13	33	63	-30	21
Fairfield Bulls	22	4	3	15	33	55	22	15

## GRADE 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Blacktown City Demons	22	15	1	3	61	23	38	49
Rockdale City Suns	22	13	5	4	40	27	13	44
A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers	22	13	1	5	48	27	21	43
Parramatta Eagles	22	12	1	6	42	27	15	40
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	22	11	1	8	52	35	17	36
Penrith Panthers	22	10	1	6	42	27	15	36
C'bury M'ville Olympic	22	9	3	10	41	34	7	30
Belconnen Blue Devils	22	8	6	8	30	34	-4	30
St George Saints	22	6	4	12	24	36	-12	22
Colorbond Coasties	22	3	1	13	28	57	-29	15
Fairfield Bulls	22	3	4	15	22	63	-41	13
Bankstown City Lions	22	2	5	15	20	60	40	11

## FROM THE SIDELINES By Greg Stock



James Monie (left) celebrates with his teammates.

\*Congratulations to Central Coast striker James Monie on collecting the Premier League Golden Boot for season 2002/3. Previous winners of the award have included Jimmy Aschner, Mark Hagger and Colin Luff, his season tally of sixteen goals in twenty-two games enough to hold a two goal buffer on A.P.I.A.'s Zlatko Arambasic and the Saints Bruno Beddome. Speaking before his trip to Malaysia for trials with club side Kedah, Monie expressed his delight to receive the award.

"It's been a great year for myself and the club and it's a great honour for me to win the Golden Boot, so I'd like to thank coach John McLafferty and all the Coasties players for helping me achieve this award" said Monie.

"The NSW Premier League is definitely the second best league in Australia behind the National League, and to have done so well in my debut season is terrific."

While the Coasties struggled to maintain their great start to the season after the Christmas break it was Monie who continued to knock in goals and keep his side in the hunt. "Despite finishing outside the top five there were a lot of positives for us this year, and while a lot of pundits knocked us, we were competitive in every game" continued Monie.

"We are a young side and if the club can keep the nucleus of the team together for

next season we should do very well." On the subject of his immediate playing future the young striker was adamant.

"I want to play at the highest level possible, and if things don't work out in Malaysia I'd like to have a shot at the National League next season and see what happens." As the first Coastie to achieve that award, who could argue that the name James Monie would look out of place in an NSL shirt.

\*Former Soccerroo Joe Marston is quickly recuperating from minor surgery on his stomach. The spritely ex A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt veteran was a notable absentee from the recent PFA launch but is hopeful of being at this year's NSL Grand Final to present his medal for the best player on the day. A speedy recovery Joe!

\*It was ashame to see the Bernes go out the way they did in the run home to the Semi-Finals, but one sides loss is another ones gain, and the Eagles weren't complaining one bit. Coach Greg Woodhouse and his assistant Stan Ackerley did a tremendous job in restoring the club to the top end of the competition table, only to fall at the last hurdle. Lets hope these two will be at the helm next year as I am certain that with a couple of quality strikers they can take the next step and be a title contender.

\*The transfer rush of players from the Premier League to the Super League has started with a number of profile names joining the winter leagues this week. Bulls skipper Jason Connolly lined up for Sutherland in their clash with Manly-Warringah, and was joined by Lions goalkeeper Zlatko Josevski in the number one shirt.

Fraser Park are going to be strengthened in their Wednesday night catchup game with Manly by Saints midfielder Achilles Markopoulos, while new Dulwich Hill coach Jimmy Patikas is rumoured to be about to unveil a number of new signings for their game with Stanmore this weekend.

\*The dates of a number of Winter Super League catch up games have been set down with Manly hosting Fraser Park this Wednesday night at Cromer Park, first grade to kick off at 7pm.

Next Wednesday evening (May 21st) there are two games pencilled in, Fraser Park hosting Hajduk Wanderers at Fraser Park while at Seymour Shaw Park Sutherland will take on Stanmore Hawks.

Wednesday June 4th will see the much anticipated Portuguese Derby game between Dulwich Hill and Fraser Park under lights at Lambert Park. Kick off times to be confirmed.





# SOCCER NSW



## NSW PREMIER LEAGUE 2002/2003 FINALS SERIES

The Gabbie Stadium is the venue for this season's major entry game into the Grand Final. The combatants have met there before, this season, of course and on that occasion it produced a win for the visitors, A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt.

A.P.I.A. beat Blacktown City 3-1 that day, but it was at a stage of the season when the Demons were less dominant.

These days Blacktown are playing so much better and have only rare lapses.

The Demons go into the game with a clean bill of health. They have no injury concerns or players out through suspension.

Naoki Iwaya, who missed the Rockdale game due to a visit to Japan approved by the club, will be back and the industrious player is in the best form of his career right now, according to his coach.

The club trained on the Saturday of the free weekend

### MAJOR SEMI-FINAL



**Blacktown City Demons**



**A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers**



Saturday 17th May - 6:00pm  
Gabbie Stadium, Seven Hills

with a seven-a-side game organised by the coaching staff who offered prizes to the winning team. Something like 'chocolate bars and drinks' were mentioned by head coach Brian Brown.

A proposed trial with Tommy McCulloch's Hajduk

Wanderers fell through, but the workout still proved successful.

Brown was at the A.P.I.A.-Bonnyrigg game and admitted that he had gone along mainly to enjoy the game rather than to formulate a game plan for this coming match.

"The A.P.I.A. strikers are dangerous and even if they didn't play particularly well on this occasion I have a lot of respect for their ability," he opined.

Prior to the weekend warm up Brown's men had a yoga session on the Tuesday and a relaxing time before that and he 'purposefully kept

them away from the ball as much as possible', he said. "We trained for 90 minutes at the Gabbie on Saturday and things went very well."

Brown mentioned that the crowd for the Central Coast game had been good and even though the side lost at home to Rockdale they had not played at all poorly.

He expects and hopes for a big turn out on Saturday night.

The Blacktown youth are playing the same day and he thinks that will help boost the attendance for the Premier League clash.

Brown's opposite number Les De Celis has players in match condition but many question marks over their fitness.

He cited Zlatko Arambasic, Paul Dee and Damon Langan as examples of players who had gone through the pain barrier to play against Bonnyrigg and he expects

the same thing to happen again at the Gabbie.

He is less certain about reliable ball winner Michael Galluzzo who has been struggling to reach fitness for some time now.

In addition James Stubbs-Mills continues to be a match by match proposition and managed to be saved for the Gabbie game when the situation in the Bonnyrigg game did not warrant risking him.

The all round team effort against Bonnyrigg has provided a platform for De Celis' men to make their mark and make it straight through to the Grand Final.

That would be a pretty big achievement for A.P.I.A. but beating Blacktown is not beyond them and having beaten Bonnyrigg twice now and the Demons once at The Gabbie there is no reason for the Tigers to feel overawed in any way.



Simon Catanzaro has enjoyed a successful season with the Demons in his first NSW Premier League stint.



Sam Larocca was in fine form last weekend against the White Eagles.

### MINOR SEMI-FINAL



**Bonnyrigg White Eagles**



**Belconnen Blue Devils**



Sunday 18th May - 3:00pm  
Serbian Centre, Bonnyrigg

Having finished third in the home and away season, Bonnyrigg have secured a home semi-final for this game and they'll need every ounce of assistance from their vocal fans if they are to get over the top of the Blue Devils this week.

A 3-0 loss to A.P.I.A. has left them on the wrong side of the semi final draw, a loss spelling the end for the other side.

Despite a bright showing last week, coach Ljube Jancev is expected to ring some changes in a bid to freshen up his troops. Askia Oygur who got through the Under-19s game last weekend is expected to come into the starting eleven for the injured Javier Mancino who aggravated a leg injury and was replaced at half-time against A.P.I.A.

Nigerian born striker Kindness Agwu will also start replacing Aaron Burgess who after missing a number of chances, will drop to the bench. Despite bringing on Zlatko Donev and Joe Bruni to play all out attack, Jancev will probably resist the temptation to start both players, making it a very potent reserves bench.

"We played an all out attack gameplan against A.P.I.A. and it didn't come off for us" said Jancev following the A.P.I.A. game.

"Their goalkeeper Bob Catlin was superb and held us out, but we didn't help ourselves missing chance after chance and in tight games like this, you need to

make sure you can score goals to put pressure on teams. Belconnen will not be an easy game, and they have a number of players who can hurt you.

We will regroup in the leadup to this game, look to have a strong week at training and take the game right up to Belconnen on the weekend."

The Blue Devils by contrast had a tough hit out against Parramatta Eagles and were taken right to the wire in a close one. Daniel Macor was again the star netting his first goal of the final series and fourteenth of the year, and he is set to play one of the biggest games of his career as he leads the Blue Devils attack.

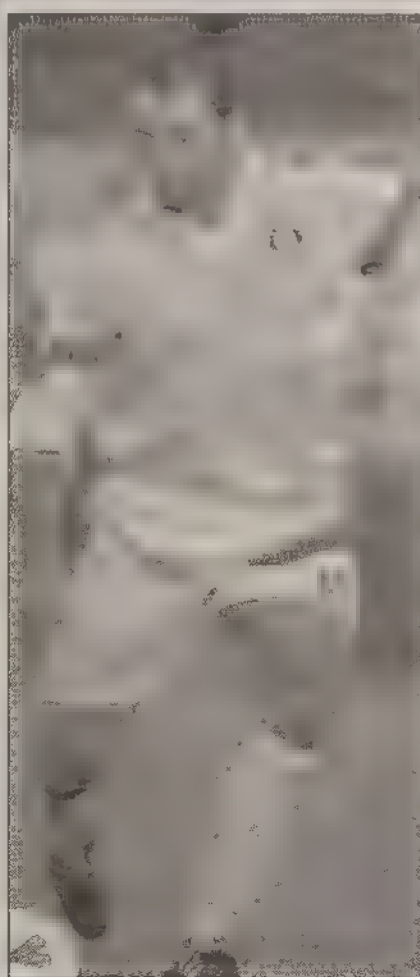
The Serbian Centre is never an easy destination for an away team to win a game and with an army of home fans baying for blood it always gets a tad uncomfortable for the visiting team. That's the bad news, the good news is that apart from the long term injuries to Lee Pietrukowski and Marko Pernovic, coach Lino Fiorese will have a full strength squad from which to select a side on Thursday night.

Analyzing the formbook, Bonnyrigg have had the wood on Belconnen beating them in all of their three previous visits to the Serbian Centre. In both leagues games this year, Bonnyrigg took a point home from Canberra with a 2-2 draw in round one and three points in a 3-1 win at home in round twelve.

Both sides have lost one of their past seven games, Bonnyrigg last week to A.P.I.A. 3-0 and Belconnen

away to Fairfield in round twenty two which cost them a spot in the top three and the all-important double chance.

It's a difficult game to pick but being the business end of the season, the experience of the White Eagles roster and the home ground advantage should prove enough to end the title ambitions of Belconnen but not before we have seen ninety absorbing minutes of quality football.



Michael Hawrysiuk is an integral part of the White Eagles engine room.



Tony Giansaca will need to be on his game to get his team through.



# SOCCER NSW

## WINTER SUPER LEAGUE REVIEW

By Greg Stock

In the other Saturday game, Dulwich Hill picked up their first win since late March with a come from behind 2-1 over fellow strugglers Sydney University.

With new coach Jimmy Pankas picking up the reins midweek from Agenor Muniz, the home side came out with something to prove but on the bumpy Arlington Oval pitch struggled to maintain any pressure.

The 'students' on the other hand played the long ball game using Rob Smithies and Tim Wilson upfront to hold the ball and went to the break 1-0 up via a Josh Heath goal in the 41st minute.

Colin McAusland working a terrific one-two move with Daisuke Nakayama to lay off to Tyrone Laro for a short cross to the back post. Heath racing onto the ball to smash a shot home. In the second half, Dulwich Hill showed some fighting spirit to equalise when Heider Cardoso put away a looping cross with a spearing header before Uau midfielder Pat Darvill allowed Marcelo Guerrero too much space inside the penalty box to score the winner in the 76th minute.

On Sunday, the top five clash between AC United and Stanmore Hawks turned out to be a beauty at Abruzzi Field with both sides playing some very inspiring football. The home side prevailed 3-0 but to the Hawks credit they never gave up in the bottom corner of the net. In the final analysis it would be enough, the win lifting Liverpool to eighth, their highest league position all season.

moving in the 25th minute when he pounced on a long clearance from goalkeeper Claudio Fernandez to successfully go one on one with Hawks number one Peter Spahis.

Two goals in the first ten minutes of the second half sealed Stanmore's fate with Maytham Abdal and Chris Giometti finding the net. Abdal taking advantage of some space just inside the penalty box to launch a right foot strike while Giometti was 'Johnny on the spot' to put away a Michael McGovern cross from the left hand touchline. Interestingly, AC coach Nick Porecca elected to substitute Rick Giometti inside the first half hour after some over zealous tackling, replacing him with Johnny Ghisso. Best for AC was Ray Mandic, the visitors best served by Spahis and Andrew Falas.

At Magdala Oval, Ryde City's midseason woes continued, this time losing a tight one with Paul Carter's quickly improving MSC Liverpool.

It wasn't a game for the punts, both sides engaged in what can only be considered an arm wrestle with a lot of physical stuff and fouls marred the contest. When they did play football there were some bright moments, MSC hitting the woodwork twice with striker Alex Araujo having a whale of a match. The only game early in the second half when Daniel Willoughby tip toed through some poor defence and lashed a shot from the edge of the area, only to see it take a wicked deflection from a Ryde defender and end up in the bottom corner of the net. In the final analysis it would be enough, the win lifting Liverpool to eighth, their highest league position all season.

The big 'derby' game between Hurstville City Minotaurs and Crescent Star didn't turn into the bloodbath all expected and was played in an exceptionally good spirit, fans from both sides enjoying a very entertaining contest. Minotaurs had their full complement of players back and they put up a brave fight. Down 1-0 to a Peter Marzec goal they levelled via George Kalogeras and could have been 2-1 up had they not missed a penalty three minutes later.

As so often happens in these sorts of games, the ball goals down the other end of the park and Tanju Balabanek knocks it in to give Crescent Star a 2-1 lead. Second half goals to Huseyin Bayhan, back from a stint in the Turkish second divisions and Terry Atasas rounded out the scoring but not before the Minotaurs showed some late signs of life via a Dimitri Zakilas goal. The win leaving Crescent Star unchallenged at the top of the competition table unbeaten in 11 games.

The first half of the Winter Super League season concludes next weekend with round thirteen, all of the matches scheduled for kickoff on Sunday at 3pm. The match of the round is definitely the much anticipated clash between first placed Crescent Star and second placed AC United at Lidcombe Oval (5pm kickoff) and that should be an absolute beauty.

Fourth placed Stanmore Hawks face a tough assignment at Arlington Oval against neighbours Dulwich Hill in a game which could go either way, while at University Oval No 1 Sydney Uni will meet Fraser Park

with the Dragons expected to start favourites.

Macarthur will take on Hayduk Wanderers at Lynwood Park while

the third placed Sharks should prove too strong for the Gunners at Seymour Shaw Paul Carter's MSC Liverpool should make it two wins in

a row against the Minotaurs at Ernie Smith while Manly enjoy the bye.



Craig Sharpley will have a lot of time to think after getting sent off against the Sutherland Sharks.

## WINTER SUPER & STATE LEAGUE RESULTS & TABLES

### WINTER SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 12:

<b>FIRST GRADE:</b> Sutherland Sharks 2 (A Smith 67m) 1 MacDonaid 76m) Manly Warringah Dolphins 1 (J Creighton 51m) AC United 3 (G Vekim 25m M Abdal 47m G Giometti 55m) Stanmore Hawks 0, Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 (G Kalogeras 37m D Zakilas 83m) Sydney Crescent Star 4, P Marzec 15m T Balabanek 41m H Bayhan 66m T Atasas 66m: Ryde City 0 MSC Liverpool 1 (B Murray 53m)
<b>GRADE 21:</b> AC United 2 Stanmore Hawks 2, Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 Sydney Crescent Star 4, Ryde City 3 MSC Liverpool 1
<b>GRADE 18:</b> AC United 1 Stanmore Hawks 1, Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 Sydney Crescent Star 5, Ryde City 1 MSC Liverpool 1

### WINTER SUPER LEAGUE

#### FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sydney CS	11	9	2	0	40	20	20	29
AC United	11	6	3	2	25	16	9	21
Sutherland Sharks	10	5	4	1	19	10	9	19
Manly Warringah	11	4	4	3	25	18	7	16
Hayduk Wanderers	10	4	4	2	11	6	5	16
Stanmore Hawks	10	5	1	4	14	18	4	16
MSC Liverpool	11	4	3	4	17	16	1	15
Fraser Park Dragons	8	4	1	3	18	11	7	13
Macarthur Rams	11	3	3	5	11	18	-7	12
Sydney University	9	3	0	6	11	15	4	9
Dulwich Hill	10	2	1	7	14	21	-7	7
Ryde City	10	2	0	8	14	31	-17	6
Hillville City Minotaurs	11	2	7	9	28	-19	5	5

### WINTER SUPER LEAGUE

#### GRADE 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Manly Warringah	11	6	4	1	23	14	9	22
Stanmore Hawks	10	6	2	2	17	9	8	20
Fraser Park Dragons	8	6	1	1	23	7	16	19
Sutherland Sharks	10	5	3	2	21	11	10	18
AC United	11	5	3	3	21	14	7	18
Dulwich Hill	10	6	0	4	16	12	4	18
Hayduk Wanderers	10	5	2	3	21	9	12	17
Sydney University	10	5	1	4	18	16	2	16
Macarthur Rams	11	2	4	5	12	22	-10	10
MSC Liverpool	11	1	5	5	12	21	-9	8
Sydney CS	11	2	2	7	20	32	-12	8
Ryde City	10	2	1	7	8	25	-17	7
Hillville City Minotaurs	11	2	0	9	13	33	-20	6

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
ney CS	11	9	1	1	32	15	17	28
ly Warringah	11	7	2	2	22	10	12	23
United	11	7	1	3	29	15	14	22
more Hawks	10	5	2	3	13	13	0	17
inch Hill	10	4	4	2	18	12	6	16
erland Sharks	10	4	2	4	16	15	1	14
er Park Dragons	8	4	0	4	13	13	0	12
Arthur Rams	11	3	3	5	17	24	-7	12
y City	10	3	2	5	12	15	-3	11
ny University	10	3	2	5	16	20	-4	11
le City Minotaurs	11	2	2	7	14	26	-12	8
luk Wanderers	10	2	2	6	10	22	-12	8
Liverpool	11	2	1	8	8	20	-12	7

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

<b>FIRST GRADE:</b> Mt Druitt Town 0 Hurstville ZSC 1 (D Cullina 84m), White City 1 (D Poljak 35m) Northern Tigers 2 (A Foti 38m D Thompson 50m), Liverpool Bossy 0 Hills United 2 (A Ashford 27m N Croake), Belmore Hercules 1 (D Hofierka 90m) Schofields Scorpions 0, Wanderers Cedars 2 (H Nouth 33m N Codman 68m) Mt Pritchard 1 (M Maco 15m).
<b>GRADE 21:</b> Mt Druitt Town 2 Hurstville ZSC 1, White City 1 Northern Tigers 6, Liverpool Bossy 1 Hills United 5, Belmore Hercules 0 Schofields Scorpions 3, Wanderers Cedars 0 Mt Pritchard 1
<b>GRADE 18:</b> Mt Druitt Town 1 Hurstville ZSC 2, White City 2 Northern Tigers 3, Liverpool Bossy 1 Hills United 5, Belmore Hercules 0 Schofields Scorpions 4, Wanderers Cedars 2 Mt Pritchard 2

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

#### FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Northern Tigers	12	8	3	1	28	12	16	27
Mt Pritchard	12	7	4	1	14	7	7	25
Wanderers Cedars	12	7	2	3	28	17	11	23
Hurstville ZSC	11	6	4	1	18	13	5	22
Nepean Association	12	5	5	2	18	11	7	20
Hills United	12	5	3	4	15	13	2	18
Bathurst 75	12	5	3	4	11	9	2	18
Schofields Scorpions	12	3	6	3	13	12	1	15
White City	12	4	3	5	18	22	-4	15
Western Rage	12	2	5	5	20	26	-6	11
Belmore Hercules	11	3	0	8	17	25	-8	9
Mt Druitt Town	12	3	2	7	8	16	-8	9
Liverpool Bossy	12	2	2	8	12	20	-8	8
Wollongong United	12	2	1	9	15	30	-15	7

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE GRADE 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Nepean Association	12	8	3	1	35	12	23	27
Northern Tigers	12	8	3	1	22	8	14	27
Mt Pritchard	12	7	5	0	32	10	22	26
Hills United	12	7	3	2	42	12	30	24
Schofields Scorpions	12	7	2	3	33	11	22	23
Hurstville ZSC	11	6	2	3	22	14	8	20
Wanderers Cedars	12	6	1	5	29	16	13	19
Mt Druitt Town	12	4	3	5	16	20	-4	15
Bathurst 75	12	4	1	7	18	25	-7	13
White City	12	4	1	7	24	32	-8	13
Liverpool Bossy	12	3	3	6	20	27	-7	12
Wollongong United	12	2	1	9	15	43	-28	7
Belmore Hercules	11	2	1	8	10	41	-31	7
Western Rage	12	0	1	11	12	59	-47	1

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE GRADE 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Nepean Association	12	11	1	0	56	12	44	34
Northern Tigers	12	10	0	2	38	13	25	30
Hills United	12	8	2	2	33	12	21	26
White City	12	7	0	5	30	20	10	21
Mt Pritchard	12	6	2	4	26	11	15	20
Mt Druitt Town	12	5	4	3	21	16	5	19
Bathurst 75	12	5	2	5	24	21	3	17
Wanderers Cedars	12	4	3	5	31	28	3	15
Schofields Scorpions	12	3	6	3	16	14	2	15
Western Rage	12	3	3	6	22	46	-24	12
Hurstville ZSC	11	3	2	6	17	29	-12	11
Wollongong United	12	2	1	9	18	45	-27	7
Liverpool Bossy	12	2	0	10	25	59	-34	6
Belmore Hercules	11	0	2	9	4	35	-31	2

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO - ROUND 10:

<b>FIRST GRADE:</b> Sporting SCC 3 (M Hurlido 11m J Uribe 14m J Suarez 75m) Auburn Star 1 (I Aydemir 90m), Parramatta City 1 (C Schofield 34m) Greensland Soccer Club 3 (F Demarco 26m Z Khnasho 44m G Attard 52m), Greystanes Soccer Club 4 (A La Grazia 18m A Jennings 22m pen S Erel 47/67m) Western Red Devils 2 (C De Andre 13m H Seo 52m), Blackdown Association 1 (G Vavdinos 42m) Hakoah 3 (R Neumann 17m J Pilemer 26/63m).
<b>GRADE 21:</b> Sporting SCC 4 Auburn Star 0, Parramatta City 3 Greensland Soccer Club 4, Greystanes Soccer Club 0 Western Red Devils 2, Blackdown Association 0 Hakoah 4.
<b>GRADE 19:</b> Sporting SCC 1 Auburn Star 1, Parramatta City 6 Greensland Soccer Club 1,

Greystanes Soccer Club 6 Western Red Devils 1 Blackdown Association 3 Hakoah 2

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

#### FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Concord FC	10	7	0	3	26	10	16	21
Greystanes SC	10	5	4	1	28	19	9	19
Springwood SC	10	5	3	2	27	13	14	18
University of NSW	10	5	3	2	21	12	9	18
Western Red Devils	10	5	3	2	26	21	5	18
Camden Tigers	10	5	3	2	21	19	2	18
Greensland SC	10	5	3	2	25	24	1	18
Blacktown Ass.	10	5	1	4	21	15	6	16
Blacktown City	10	3	2	5	18	17	1	11
Hakoah	9	2	4	3	13	16	-3	10
Manly Warringah	10	3	1	6	12	19	-7	10
Parramatta City	10	3	1	6	15	25	-10	10
Sporting SCC	9	1	1	7	6	20	-14	4
Auburn Star	10	0	1	9	10	39	-29	1

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE - ROUND 10:

<b>FIRST GRADE:</b> Kellyville Colts 5 Colo Colo 0, Lithgow Workmen vs Roosters Football Club Abandoned, Kosciuszko 0 Balmain Soccer Club 0, Gazy Lansvale 3 Gladsville United 3, East Coast Magic 2 Southern Star Sharks 3.
<b>RESERVE GRADE:</b> Lithgow Workmen 2 Roosters Football Club 1, Kosciuszko 0 Balmain Soccer Club 1, Gazy Lansvale 3 Gladsville United 2, East Coast Magic 1 Southern Star Sharks 1

### STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

#### FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Prospect United	10	7	3	0	40	13	27	24
Inter Lions	9	6	3	0	36	7	29	21
Kellyville Colts	10	6	3	1	27	10	17	21
UTS	10	4	4	2	25	18	7	18
Trasandinos	10	4	4	2	20	16	4	16
Southern Star Sharks	10	5	1	4	22	22	0	16
Balmain SC	10	2	6	2	15	20	-5	12
Kosciuszko	10	3	3	4	15	24	-9	12
East Coast Magic	10	3	2	5	19	19	0	11
Lithgow Workmen	9	2	4	3	15	15	0	10
Gadsville United	9	2	3	4	18	18	0	9
Colo Colo	10	2	2	6	10	24	-14	8
Gazy Lansvale	10	1	2	7	15	42	-27	5
Roosters FC	9	1	0	8	6	38	-32	3

### WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE - ROUND 10:

<b>FIRST GRADE:</b> Macarthur Rams 3 (T Rockall 13/71m Own Goal 24m) Bathurst City Panthers 1 (K Lawson 83m), Manly Warringah Dolphins 1 (C O'Neill 30m) Gladsville Ravens 1 (G Lomax 40m), Marconi 4 (L Warrener 14m T Spagnol 58/67m M Link 87m) Mingara Lakers 0, Nepean Association 0 NSW Academy 7 (B Ristevski 1m K Laddbrook 23m Own Goal 46m L Biayne 67/78/87m D Brogan 75m), Olympic Sharks 1 (R Kilpatrick 13m) Wollongong Wolves 0, North West
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# SOCCER NSW



## YOUTH LEAGUE REVIEW

### Premier Youth League - Round 12

Blacktown City have remained on top of the Combined Table but their leading margin over Olympic Sharks has been reduced to two points. They both have a full set of matches in hand over third placed Parramatta Eagles and fourth placed Northern Spirit. Wollongong Wolves are locked into fifth place, nine points ahead of Marconi Stallions.

**GOAL WATCH:** Ninety-seven goals were scored in this division on Saturday with an average of 2.7 goals per match.

Wollongong Wolves did well to share the points equally with visiting Blacktown City. The 12s match was a very close affair throughout with the Wolves grabbing the lead and very nearly hanging on but the Demons equalised inside the very last minute of play. The 13s was also a hard-fought encounter with a draw looking the most likely result before Gavin Forbes popped up for the Demons with his second headed goal for the match to give the visitors a 2-1 win. Joy for the home club came in the 14s when they were able to knock over the Demons 2-1 but then the visitors retaliated with a 2-1 victory of their own in the 15s. Wollongong took the points to all-square with a 2-1 result in the 17s to continue Blacktown's horror patch.

Olympic Sharks had a tough day at the office when they visited Parramatta Eagles as they could only managed to retrieve nine points for their efforts. Olympic's 12s drew first blood for the day with a handy 2-0 win before Michael Soames' Sharks 13s continued the trend with a 1-0 victory to show from their top-of-the-table clash and that has edged them closer to their hosts. Parramatta's table-topping 14s continued their success with a 1-0 result but then Olympic got the better of their hosts in the 15s with a 2-1 win. The Eagles' 17s gave the club their second win for the day when they beat the Sharks by the somewhat surprising scoreline of 4-1.

Northern Spirit did well to take ten points from Penrith Panthers at Doug Rennie Field. Spirit grabbed the early points with a 4-2 win in the 12s and then the 13s went on with it, winning 3-1 in the 13s. The Panthers struck back in the 14s with a 2-1 win and then their 15s held the visitors to a 1-1 draw. Spirit had the final say for the day with a 4-3 victory in the 17s after scoring three late goals to come from behind.

Newcastle United took some pleasure from their longest road trip of the season when they met Southern Branch at South Nowra. The Novocastrians had the early running for the day as their 12s registered a 2-1 result and then their 13s were successful 1-0. However, Southern Branch had some answers in the 14s and 15s where they won both matches 2-1 and that tied up the points at that stage. United took the last points for the day with a 2-1 victory in the 17s.

Central Coast were relatively pleased with their nine point haul from their encounter with Bankstown City Cubs at Plum Park, especially since they did not lose a match on the day. Drawing first blood for the day, the Coasties 12s racked up a 1-0 win before their 13s continued the good work with a healthy 3-1 success. One-all draws were recorded in both the 14s and 15s and then the 17s went on with that trend as they posted a 2-2 draw.

Marconi Stallions visited next-door neighbours Sydney United and took eight points home with them. Surprisingly, the 12s finished in a 2-2 draw and then the 13s could only manage a 1-1 draw. Marconi surprisingly took their first three-pointer for the day in the 14s with a 1-0 result and then added another with a 2-1 win in the 15s. United's 17s made it two wins in a row with a 3-1 outcome.

A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers shocked the visiting Sutherland Shire Sharks by taking twelve points from them at Lambert Park. The Tigers' 12 took out the first honours for the day with a healthy 3-0 win before the Sharks responded in the 13s with a 2-1 victory. That was to be the last joy for the visitors for the day as the Tigers went on to win the 14s 1-0, and then the 15s and 17s by exactly the same scoreline.

### Super Youth League - Round 12

Macarthur Rams continue to show the way on the Combined table but AC United are breathing down their necks with the benefit of having six matches in hand to give them a chance to make up the eight-point deficit. Nepean Association have returned to third spot and they are trailed by a single point by Manly Warringah Dolphins with Hills United rounding out the top five.

**GOAL WATCH:** One-hundred-and-seventeen goals were scored in this division for an average of 3.3 goals per game.

Macarthur Rams had an almost perfect day when they travelled to the Serbian Centre to meet Bonnyrigg White Eagles. The 12s started proceedings with a handsome 3-0 win thanks to goals from Ryan Connell, Josh MacDonald and Tom Platt and that has seen them move into fourth place. The Rams' 13s had a field day as they posted a 13-0 win with Casey Newman (5), Stephen Plekun (4), Luke Arthur, Scott Fairburn, Ryan Hughes and Troy Valentino all finding the back of the net. Then the Rams' 14s returned to the top five with a 2-0 win with the goals coming from Travis Litwinski and a penalty from James Young deciding the issue. Continuing the established trend for the day, the Rams 15s recorded a 4-0 win thanks to strikes from Jed Hilmi and Stefan Donevski who each scored twice. Bonnyrigg provided the shock of the round when their 17s knocked off the high-flying Rams 5-0.

Camden Tigers split the points evenly with the visiting St George. Camden's 12s took the first points for the day when Daniel Jackson scored from the penalty spot for the only goal of the game. Saints responded immediately in the 13s when Joshua Lawrence found the net to give the visitors a 1-0 victory. The Tigers 14s were a bit too strong on the day, running out 3-1 winners courtesy of goals from Steven Koops (2) and David Mathis. The 15s ended in a scoreless draw and then Jaffa Ayad scored for the Saints' 17s to give them the points at the end of the day.

Northern Tigers entertained AC United at Parklands Oval and they surprisingly shared the points evenly. The 12s finished in a 1-1 draw and then AC grabbed the full ration of points in the 13s with a handy 3-1 win. Not to be outdone, the Tigers 14s then went on to win the 14s 2-0 before the 15s had to settle for a draw after the teams scored a goal apiece. The 17s match was postponed.

Hills United took eight points home from their visit to Mingara Lakers. They started well with a 2-1 win in the 12s before the Lakers held them to a 2-2 draw in the 13s. In the 14s the Lakers took all the points following their 2-0 win and then the 15s had to settle for a scoreless draw. To finish the day as they had started, Hills 17s posted a good 3-1 win.

Blacktown Association started the day very well when they met Hajduk Wanderers at Francis Park but the visitors finished the day the better. Blacktown took out the 12s with a very healthy 3-0 result and then went on to win the 13s 1-0 but that was to be the end of their joy. The Wanderers took charge with a 4-0 win in the 14s and then looked good as they won the 15s 3-0. Finishing the day well for the visitors, their 17s beat Blacktown 2-0.

Nepean Association fared reasonably well when they hosted Manly Warringah Dolphins at Cook Park, keeping eight valuable points in their pockets. The Dolphins grabbed the early points with a 2-0 victory in the 12s before holding the home team to a 0-0 draw in the 13s. Nepean got their first three-pointer for the day in the 14s with a 1-0 result but then the 15s ended in a 1-1 draw. John Koimanis has finally found the recipe for success with his Nepean 17s as they recorded a nice 4-2 win.

Fairfield Bulls would have been pleased with their encounter with Eastern Suburbs at Hensley Athletic Field as they took nine points from their hosts. Easts were far too good in the 12s, taking that game 4-0 but the Bulls responded with a 5-2 result in the 13s. Easts scraped home 2-1 in the 14s before the Bulls won the 15s 2-0. In an amazing ten-goal game in the 17s, the Bulls were successful 7-3.

### Round 8 Catch-Up Games

Northern Tigers met Bonnyrigg White Eagles at Parklands Oval on Sunday and put all the points into their pockets. Their 12s and 13s both won 1-0 while the 14s finished 2-0. Then the 15s were 3-1 winners before the 17s knocked off the visitors 3-1.

### Division One Youth League - Round 12

Ryde City are showing the way at the top of the Combined Table by seven points from Schofields Scorpions. Mt Pritchard are only a point further back in third place with Wollongong United in fourth spot, three points further adrift. Dulwich Hill round off the top five.

**GOAL WATCH:** One-hundred-and-eighteen goals were scored in this division for an average of 3.3 goals per game.

Ryde City took ten points from the visiting MSC Liverpool at Magdala Oval. The clubs split the points in the 12s as they had to settle for a 2-2 draw and the MSC gained the upper hand with a 2-1 victory in the 13s. Then Ryde took control by winning the 14s by two goals to nil and then they followed up with a win in the 15s by the odd goal in seven. Ryde were far too classy in the 17s as they put together a 5-0 win.

Schofields Scorpions had a reasonably good day against

Hawkesbury City. The Scorpions began with a 1-0 win in the 12s and then they were a bit too good in the 13s with a 4-1 victory. Continuing the trend their 14s posted a handy 3-1 result before the 15s added to the tally with a 3-0 win. Hawkesbury finally had some joy for the day when their 17s continued their good form with a 2-1 win.

Parramatta City were delighted with their day against Rockdale City Suns as they took all the points for themselves. They won the 12s by the odd goal in five before their 13s got home 2-1. Parramatta's 14s were too good for the Suns, winning 4-1 and then the 15s got up 3-1. That scoreline was repeated in the 17s to Parramatta's advantage.

Canterbury Bankstown must have been pleased to have relieved Dulwich Hill of twelve points when they met at Jensen Park. The home team won the 12s 2-0 and they were victors again in the 13s with a 3-1 result. Their 14s had a 1-0 win but Dulwich Hill got some revenge in the 15s with a substantial 4-0 result but the hosts had the final say for the day with a 2-1 win in the 17s.

Hurstville City Minotaurs hosted Mt Druitt Town but they could only manage to keep six points from their opponents. Mt Druitt won the 12s 2-1 and then added the 13s to their tally with a 3-0 win. Hurstville took some joy from the 14s with a 2-0 result and then took out the 15s 3-0. Mt Druitt got back on track with a 2-1 win in the 17s.

Mt Pritchard fell in a heap when they met Wollongong United at Cook Park. They allowed to visitors to return to the south coast with twelve points to show for their efforts. United took out the 12s 1-0 and then added the 13s scalps with a 4-1 win. The visitors went on with the job, winning the 14s 2-1 but the Mounties finally took some pleasure from an otherwise miserable day with a 4-1 victory in the 15s. Wollongong had the last laugh when their 17s posted a win by the odd goal in five.

Stanmore Hawks had to settle for an even split of the points when they met Granville Association at Arlington Oval on Sunday. Stanmore won the 12s 1-0 but Granville responded with a 2-0 victory in the 13s. Going on with it, Granville were too classy in the 14s, winning that game 5-0. The Hawks got square with a 1-0 win in the 15s and honours remained even after the 17s had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

### S.S.I. Girls Youth League - Round 9

**GOAL WATCH:** Seventy-one goals were scored in this competition this week with an average of 3.9 goals per game.

Macarthur Rams took all the points from Granville Magpies at Lynwood Park. The 12s won 7-0 and then the 14s were far too good with a 12-1 result. That goal was the first Granville have scored this season and it is a tribute to their determination despite the unfavourable results so far. Macarthur won the 16s 2-0.

Wollongong Wolves did not have everything their own way when they hosted Blacktown Association. The 12s ended in a 1-1 draw before the Wolves won the 14s 4-0. However, the 16s had to be content to share the points as the game ended 1-1.

Southern Branch were at home to North West Sydney Koalas who took the points in the 12s with a 3-0 win and then added more points with another victory in the 14s, this one by 5-1. Southern Branch got the points in the 16s with a 3-1 result.

Olympic Sharks took out a clean sweep when they hosted Central Coast Coasties. Olympic got home in the 12s by the odd goal in five and then won the 14s 2-0. They were too good in the 16s as they posted a 9-0 result.

Nepean Association had the better of the day when they visited Marconi. They got off to a flyer with a 3-0 win in the 12s and then added a 1-0 win in the 14s. Marconi came good in the 16s with a 2-0 win.

St George and Manly Warringah Dolphins shared the points evenly at St George Stadium. Saints took out the 12s with a 2-1 scoreline and then the Dolphins got the points in the 14s with a 3-1 win. The 16s finished in a scoreless draw.

### attack Under 11 Boys Metropolitan League - Round 9

**GOAL WATCH:** Twenty-three goals were scored in this division for and average of 2.8 goals per game.

Granville continue to lead the way after they knocked off Canterbury 3-0 at Garside Park. They are closely pursued by Gladesville Hornsby who had a 1-0 away win at Macarthur Rams. Third-placed Bankstown lost 1-0 away to Ku-Ring-Gai but fourth-placed Eastern Suburbs were more fortunate with a 3-1 away win at Blacktown. Nepean recorded a 2-1 win at Cook Park over Illawarra and Southern Districts got up 2-1 over Southern Branch at Marconi. Manly Warringah and Sutherland split the points with a 1-1 draw at Cromer Park while St George took out their home match against Central Coast 4-2.





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## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE - ROUND 12

GRADE 12: A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 3 Sutherland Shire Sharks 0, Sydney United 1 Marconi Stallions 2, Central Coast Coasties 1 Bankstown City Cubs 0, Southern Branch YL 1 Newcastle United 2, Penrith Panthers 2 Northern Spirit 4, Parramatta Eagles 0 Olympic Sharks 2, Wollongong Wolves 1 Blacktown City Demons 1.

GRADE 13: A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sutherland Shire Sharks 2, Sydney United 1 Marconi Stallions 1, Central Coast Coasties 3 Bankstown City Cubs 1, Southern Branch YL 0 Newcastle United 1, Penrith Panthers 1 Northern Spirit 3, Parramatta Eagles 0 Olympic Sharks 1, Wollongong Wolves 1 Blacktown City Demons 2.

GRADE 14: A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sutherland Shire Sharks 0, Sydney United 0 Marconi Stallions 1, Central Coast Coasties 1 Bankstown City Cubs 1, Southern Branch YL 2 Newcastle United 1, Penrith Panthers 2 Northern Spirit 1, Parramatta Eagles 1 Olympic Sharks 0, Wollongong Wolves 2 Blacktown City Demons 1.

GRADE 15: A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sutherland Shire Sharks 0, Sydney United 1 Marconi Stallions 2, Central Coast Coasties 1 Bankstown City Cubs 1, Southern Branch YL 2 Newcastle United 1, Penrith Panthers 1 Northern Spirit 1, Parramatta Eagles 1 Olympic Sharks 2, Wollongong Wolves 1 Blacktown City Demons 2.

GRADE 17: A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sutherland Shire Sharks 0, Sydney United 3 Marconi Stallions 1, Central Coast Coasties 2 Bankstown City Cubs 2, Southern Branch YL 1 Newcastle United 2, Penrith Panthers 3 Northern Spirit 4, Parramatta Eagles 4 Olympic Sharks 1, Wollongong Wolves 2 Blacktown City Demons 1.

## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Northern Tigers	12	10	2	0	36	7	29	32
Manly Warringah	11	8	3	0	24	2	22	27
AC United	11	7	3	1	33	15	18	24
Macarthur Rams	12	6	2	4	20	17	3	20
Eastern Suburbs	10	6	3	2	14	10	4	18
Blacktown Assoc.	12	4	5	3	22	8	4	17
Camden Tigers	12	4	5	3	10	-6	17	17
Nepean Association	11	4	2	5	13	12	1	14
St George	11	3	4	4	11	-4	13	13
Hills United	12	4	1	7	12	-9	-7	13
Hajduk Wanderers	12	2	2	6	12	-22	-8	7
Bonnyrigg WE	12	1	4	7	16	-9	-7	7
Mingara Lakers	11	1	2	6	7	-25	-18	5
Fairfield Bulls	11	1	2	8	9	-35	-28	5

## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Macarthur Rams	12	9	3	0	37	4	33	30
Nepean Association	11	8	2	1	22	8	14	26
AC United	11	7	3	1	20	11	9	24
St George	11	6	3	2	21	10	11	21
Manly Warringah	11	6	2	3	21	9	12	20
Hills United	12	6	2	4	22	28	-6	20
Blacktown Assoc.	12	5	3	4	27	18	9	18
Fairfield Bulls	11	5	1	5	15	-7	-2	16
Eastern Suburbs	10	4	2	4	20	-24	-4	14
Northern Tigers	12	4	2	6	13	-9	-6	14
Mingara Lakers	11	3	2	6	14	-23	-9	11
Camden Tigers	12	2	0	10	15	-23	-13	6
Hajduk Wanderers	12	2	0	10	8	-23	-15	6
Bonnyrigg WE	12	0	1	11	5	-38	-33	1

## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Nepean Association	11	9	2	0	27	4	23	29
Hajduk Wanderers	12	9	1	2	31	6	25	28
Northern Tigers	12	7	4	1	22	7	15	25
AC United	11	6	2	3	24	16	8	20
Macarthur Rams	12	6	2	4	22	15	7	20
Manly Warringah	11	6	1	4	22	20	-2	19
Eastern Suburbs	10	5	2	3	19	13	6	17
Camden Tigers	12	4	3	5	23	29	-6	15
St George	11	3	4	4	10	-6	13	13
Fairfield Bulls	11	3	2	6	12	-18	-11	11
Bonnyrigg WE	12	3	2	7	11	-22	-11	11
Blacktown Assoc.	12	3	2	7	12	-26	-11	11
Mingara Lakers	11	2	1	8	11	-25	-14	7
Hills United	12	0	0	12	3	-32	-29	0

## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Macarthur Rams	12	9	0	4	22	11	11	24
Eastern Suburbs	10	7	0	3	20	10	10	21
AC United	11	6	3	2	19	9	10	21
Hills United	12	6	3	3	12	5	7	21
St George	11	6	3	2	19	14	5	21
Manly Warringah	11	6	2	3	16	9	7	20
Hajduk Wanderers	12	6	1	5	15	-1	19	19
Nepean Association	11	5	3	3	20	11	9	18
Mingara Lakers	11	3	5	3	10	9	1	14
Blacktown Assoc.	12	4	1	7	18	-7	13	12
Camden Tigers	12	3	3	6	6	13	-7	12
Fairfield Bulls	11	3	2	6	11	-5	11	11
Northern Tigers	12	3	3	6	10	-24	-14	6
Bonnyrigg WE	12	1	1	10	3	-29	-28	4

## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Hills United	12	9	2	1	24	10	14	29
Fairfield Bulls	11	7	3	1	29	16	13	24
Macarthur Rams	12	7	2	3	28	17	11	23
Hajduk Wanderers	12	6	2	4	26	17	9	20
AC United	10	6	2	2	18	10	8	20
Blacktown Assoc.	12	6	2	4	21	14	7	20
Camden Tigers	12	5	1	6	20	15	5	16
Northern Tigers	11	4	3	4	14	17	-3	15
St George	11	4	2	5	15	14	1	14
Manly Warringah	11	3	3	5	15	16	-1	12
Nepean Association	11	4	0	7	17	24	-7	12
Bonnyrigg WE	12	3	0	9	12	-23	-21	9
Mingara Lakers	11	1	2	8	12	-22	-10	5
Eastern Suburbs	10	1	2	7	12	-26	-25	5

## PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE COMBINED

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Macarthur Rams	60	36	9	15	129	64	65	117
AC United	54	32	13	9	114	61	53	109
Nepean Association	55	30	9	16	99	59	40	99
Manly Warringah	55	29	11	15	98	56	42	98
Northern Tigers	59	28	14	19	95	74	21	92
Hills United	60	25	8	27	73	94	-21	83
St George	55	22	16	17	76	88	8	82
Hajduk Wanderers	60	25	6	29	92	96	-4	81
Blacktown Assoc.	60	22	13	25	88	89	-1	79
Eastern Suburbs	50	22	9	19	95	95	0	75
Fairfield Bulls	55	19	10	26	78	102	-26	67
Camden Tigers	60	18	12	30	74	101	-27	66
Mingara Lakers	55	10	12	33	54	104	-50	42
Bonnyrigg WE	60	8	8	44	38	138	-100	32

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE - RESCHEDULED FROM ROUND 8

GRADE 12: Northern Tigers 1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, GRADE 13: Northern Tigers 1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0.

GRADE 14: Northern Tigers 2 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, GRADE 15: Northern Tigers 3 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1, GRADE 17: Northern Tigers 3 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1.

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE - ROUND 12

GRADE 12: Camden Tigers 1 St George 0, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 3, Northern Tigers 1 AC United 1, Mingara Lakers 0 Hills United 1, Blacktown Association 0 Hajduk Wanderers 0, Nepean Association 0 Manly Warringah Dolphins 2, Eastern Suburbs 2 Fairfield Bulls 1.

GRADE 13: Camden Tigers 0 St George 1, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 13, Northern Tigers 1 AC United 3, Mingara Lakers 2 Hills United 2, Blacktown Association 1 Hajduk Wanderers 0, Nepean Association 0 Manly Warringah Dolphins 0, Eastern Suburbs 2 Fairfield Bulls 5.

GRADE 14: Camden Tigers 3 St George 1, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 2, Northern Tigers 2 AC United 0, Mingara Lakers 2 Hills United 0, Blacktown Association 0 Hajduk Wanderers 4, Nepean Association 1 Manly Warringah Dolphins 0, Eastern Suburbs 2 Fairfield Bulls 1.

GRADE 15: Camden Tigers 0 St George 0, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 4, Northern Tigers 1 AC United 1, Mingara Lakers 0 Hills United 0, Blacktown Association 0 Hajduk Wanderers 3, Nepean Association 1 Manly Warringah Dolphins 1, Eastern Suburbs 0 Fairfield Bulls 2.

GRADE 17: Camden Tigers 0 St George 1, Bonnyrigg White Eagles 5 Macarthur Rams 0, Northern Tigers AC United Postponed, Mingara Lakers 1 Hills United 3, Blacktown Association 0 Hajduk Wanderers 2, Nepean Association 0 Manly Warringah Dolphins 2, Eastern Suburbs 3 Fairfield Bulls 7.

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Northern Tigers	12	10	2	0	36	7	29	32
Manly Warringah	11	8	3	0	24	2	22	27
AC United	11	7	3	1	33	15	18	24
Macarthur Rams	12	6	2	4	20	17	3	20
Eastern Suburbs	10	5	3	2	14	10	4	18
Blacktown Assoc.	12	4	5	3	22	8	4	17
Camden Tigers	12	4	5	3	10	-6	17	17
St George	11	3	4	4	11	-4	13	13
Fairfield Bulls	11	3	2	6	12	-18	-11	11
Bonnyrigg WE	12	3	2	7	11	-22	-11	11
Blacktown Assoc.	12	3	2	7	12	-26	-11	11
Mingara Lakers	11	2	1	8	11	-25	-14	7
Hills United	12	0	0	12	3	-32	-29	0

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Macarthur Rams	12	9	3	0	37	4	33	30
Nepean Association	11	8	2	1	22	8	14	26
AC United	11	7	3	1	20	11	9	24
St George	11	6	3	2	21	10	11	21
Manly Warringah	11	6	2	3	21	9	12	20
Hills United	12	6	2	4	22	28	-6	20
Blacktown Assoc.	12	5	3	4	27	18	9	18
Fairfield Bulls	11	5	1	5	15	-7	-2	16
Eastern Suburbs	10	4	2	4	20	-24	-4	14
Northern Tigers	12	4	2	6	13	-9	-6	14
Mingara Lakers	11	3	2	6	14	-23	-9	11
Camden Tigers	12	2	0	10	15	-23	-13	6
Hajduk Wanderers	12	2	0	10	8	-23	-15	6
Bonnyrigg WE	12	0	1	11	5	-38	-33	1

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Nepean Association	11	9	2	0	27	4	23	29
Hajduk Wanderers	12	9	1	2	31	6	25	28
Northern Tigers	12	7	4	1	22	7	15	25
AC United	11	6	2	3	24	16	8	20
Macarthur Rams	12	6	2	4	22	15	7	20
Manly Warringah	11	6	1	4	22	20	-2	19
Eastern Suburbs	10	5	2	3	19	13	6	17
Camden Tigers	12	4	3	5	23	29	-6	15
St George	11	3	4	4	10	-6	13	13
Fairfield Bulls	11	3	2	6	12	-18	-11	11
Bonnyrigg WE	12	3	2	7	11	-22	-11	11
Blacktown Assoc.	12	3	2	7	12	-26	-11	11
Mingara Lakers	11	2	1	8	11	-25	-14	7
Hills United	12	0	0	12	3	-32	-29	0

## SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE GRADE 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Macarthur Rams	12	9	0	4	22	11	11	24
Eastern Suburbs	10	7	0	3	20	10	10	21
AC United	11	6	3	2	19	9	10	21
Hills United	12	6	3	3	12	5	7	21
St George	11	6	3	2	19	14	5	21
Manly Warringah	11	6	2	3	16	9	7	20
Hajduk Wanderers	12	6	1	5	15	18	-1	19
Nepean Association	11	5	3	3	20	11	9	18
Mingara Lakers	11	3	5	3	10	9	1	14
Blacktown Assoc.	12	4	1	7	16	23	-7	13
Camden Tigers	12	3	3	6	6	13	-7	12
Fairfield Bulls	11	3	2	6	11	16	-5	11
Northern Tigers	12	1	3	8	10	24	-14	6
Bonnyrigg WE	12	1	1	10	3	29	-26	4





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## STATE, ROBERTSON and AMATEUR CUPS

The STATE, ROBERTSON and AMATEUR CUPS kick-off this Sunday 18 May 2003.

### STATE CUP

The State Cup tournament comprises of teams, from - U14, U16, U18, O35, U14 Women, U16 Women and All Age Womens age groups, who are nominated by their Associations to represent them in the State Cup. The tournament is a knock-out competition run over 6 rounds with the 6th round being the Finals.

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**All Age Men**  
Bankstown District Sports 4  
Kissing Point 0

**All Age Women**  
Marayong Sports 1  
Seasiders 4

**Under 21 Men**  
Pittwater RSL 2  
Barden Ridge 0

**Under 18 Men**  
Five Dock RSL 5P  
Menai Hawks (A) 4P

**Under 16 Boys**  
Fairfield Pats (A) 2  
Lilli Pili 1

**Under 14 Boys**  
Sydney Juniors 0  
Menai Hawks 2

### U14 STATE CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003

No	Team A	Team B	Ground	Time
1	Fraser Park	V Normanhurst	Fraser Park	9.30
2	East Bankstown	V Liverpool Olympic	Crest No.1	9.30
3	Como West Jannali	V Doonside Hawks	Kareela No.4	11.00
4	Engadine Crusaders	V Auburn SC	Kareela No.4	12.30
5	Mt Colah SC	V Castle Hill United	Auluba Oval	9.30
6	Yagoona Lions	V Sydney Juniors	Crest No.2	9.30
7	Beacon Hill SC	V Earlwood Wanderers	Grahams Res/2	9.30
8	Abbotsford SC	V White City SC	Henley Park	11.00
9	Chatswood Rangers	V Hurlstone Park SC	Auluba Oval	11.00
10	WPH Cherrybrook	V Georges River Junior	Campbell Park	9.30
11	Bonnyrigg Juniors	V Campbelltown United	Abruzzi Oval	9.30
12	Enfield Rovers	V Lilli Pili Junior	Henley Park	9.30
13	Lidcombe Waratahs	V Inter Lions SC	Athol Barnes	9.30
14	CC Strikers SC	V Loftus Rovers (B)	Grahams Res/1	9.30
15	Gunners SC	V Community Junior SC	Bensley Road/1	9.30
16	Parramatta Eagles	V Menai Hawks	Ray Marshall	9.30
17	Eagles United	V Parklea SC	Abruzzi Oval	1.15
18	Engadine Eagles	V Balmain & District SC	Anzac/2	2.00
19	Edensor Park	V Strathfield SC	Abruzzi Oval	10.45
20	Canley Heights RSL	V East Campbelltown	Abruzzi Oval	12.00
21	Loftus Rovers (A)	V Saints United SC	Loftus/1	2.15
22	Bangor SC	V Springwood SC	Lucas Heights/2	12.00

### U16 STATE CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003

No	Team A	Team B	Ground	Time
1	Fraser Park	V Normanhurst	Fraser Park	11.00
2	Quakers Hill JSC	V Liverpool City Robins	Quakers Hill Park	10.30
3	Como West Jannali	V Doonside Hawks	Harrie Denning SC	10.30
4	Manly Allambie (A)	V Lane Cove (A)	Grahams Res/1	11.00
5	Carlingford Redbacks	V Belmore SC	Boronia Park	10.00
6	Cronulla RSL	V Marrickville SC	Sutherland/2	12.30
7	Beacon Hill SC	V Earlwood Wanderers	Grahams Res/2	11.00
8	Abbotsford SC	V White City SC	Henley Park	12.30
9	St Marys Eaglevale	V Chipping Norton	Bensley Road/2	9.00
10	WPH Cherrybrook	V Georges River	Campbell Park	11.00
11	Panania RSL	V Kissing Point SC	Crest No.3	9.30
12	Eastwood St Andrews	V Concord Junior SC	Eastwood Oval	10.00
13	Lidcombe Waratahs	V Inter Lions SC	Athol Barnes	11.00
14	Canley Heights RSL	V Northbridge SC	Brenan Park Top	9.30
15	St Josephs Rydalmere	V Wetherill Park	Athol Barnes	12.30
16	Parramatta Eagles	V Menai Hawks	Ray Marshall	11.00
17	Eagles United	V Parklea SC	Abruzzi Oval	2.30
18	Lane Cove (B)	V Manly Allambie (B)	Auluba Oval	12.30
19	Epping Eastwood	V Strathfield SC	Boronia Park	11.30
20	Lilli Pili Jnr	V Manly Vale SC	Lucas Heights/2	1.30
21	Wakehurst SC	V St Marys SC	Grahams Res /2	12.30
22	Bangor SC	V Forrest Killarney	Lucas Heights/2	10.30
23	St John Bosco	V BYE	BYE	BYE

### OVER 35 STATE CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003 BYE ROUND

### U14 WOMEN STATE CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003 BYE ROUND

### U18 STATE CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003

No	Team A	Team B	Ground	Time
1	Fraser Park	V Normanhurst	Fraser Park	12.30
2	Wakehurst	V Gympie United	Grahams Res/2	2.00
3	Como West Jannali	V Doonside Hawks	Harrie Denning SC	12.00
4	Manly Allambie	V Lane Cove SC	Grahams Res/1	12.30
5	St Marys Band Club	V North Sutherland	Colyton Park/2	10.00
6	Yagoona Lions	V Sydney Juniors	Crest No.2	11.00
7	Padstow United	V Leichhardt SC	Playford Park/1	11.00
8	Bankstown Dist Spts	V Baulkham Hills SC	Crest No.1	11.00
9	St Marys Eaglevale	V Emu Plains SC	Bensley Rd/2	3.00
10	WPH Cherrybrook	V Georges River	Campbell Park	12.30
11	Panania RSL	V Dee Why SC	Crest No.3	11.00
12	Milperra Lions SC	V Engadine Eagles	Playford Park/1	9.00
13	CC Strikers SC	V Asquith SC	Grahams Res/1	2.30
14	St Clair United	V Liverpool Olympic	Mark Leece Oval	1.30
15	Gunners SC	V Strathfield SC	Bensley Rd/1	11.00
16	Parramatta Eagles	V Menai Hawks	Ray Marshall	12.30
17	Enfield Rovers	V Lilli Pili Jnr	Henley	2.00

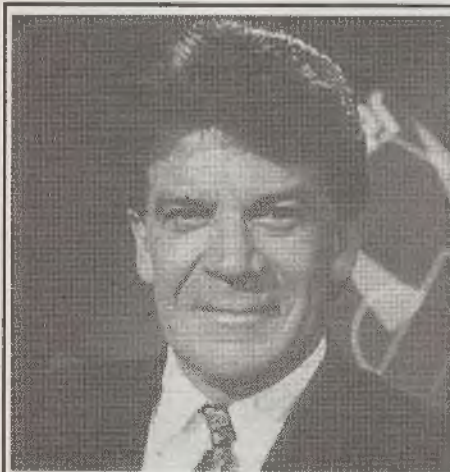
### U21 ROBERTSON CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003 BYE ROUND

### ALL AGE AMATEUR CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003

No	Team A	Team B	Ground	Time
1	Shoalhaven United	V Beecroft	TBA	TBA
2	East Bankstown	V Liverpool Olympic	Crest No.1	1.00
3	Como West Jannali	V Doonside Hawks	Harrie Denning SC	2.00
4	Engadine Crusaders	V Auburn SC	Kareela/4	2.00
5	St Marys Band Club	V North Sutherland	Colyton Park/2	2.00
6	Yagoona Lions (A)	V Sydney Juniors (A)	Crest No.2	1.00
7	Menai Hawks (A)	V Luddenham (A)	Buckler/2	2.15
8	Bankstown Dist Spts	V Baulkham Hills SC	Crest No.1	3.00
9	Earlwood Wanderers	V Parramatta City SC	Fraser Park	2.30
10	WPH Cherrybrook	V South West Strikers	Campbell Park	2.30
11	Panania RSL	V Kissing Point SC	Crest No.3	1.00
12	Eastwood St Andrews	V Gympie United (B)	Eastwood Oval	1.30
13	Lidcombe Waratahs	V Inter Lions SC	Athol Barnes	2.00
14	Batemans Bay	V Liverpool Robins	Hanging Rock	11.00
15	Gunners SC	V Wetherill Park	Bensley Rd/4	1.00
16	Padstow United	V Blacktown Workers	Playford Park/1	3.00
17	Smithfield RSL	V St Patricks SC	Brenan Park Top	11.00
18	Epping Eastwood	V Greenacre Eagles	Boronia Park	1.00
19	Quakers Hill JSC	V Lakemba SC	Quakers Hill Park	12.00
20	Lilli Pili Jnr	V Kenthurst SC	Sutherland/2	2.00
21	North Bankstown	V Sylvania Heights	Crest No.3	3.00
22	Sydney Juniors (B)	V Yagoona Lions (B)	Brenan Park Top	3.00
23	Revesby Rovers (B)	V Ararat SC	Playford Park/1	1.00
24	Luddenham (B)	V Menai Hawks (B)	Colyton Park/2	12.00
25	Putney Rangers	V Penrith Rovers	Eastwood Oval	11.30
26	East Dubbo United	V Canterbury Jnr SC	Lady Cutler Res	12.00
27	Fairfield Pats	V Revesby Rovers (A)	Brenan Park Top	1.00
28	Gympie United (A)	V Padstow Hornets	Gympie Bay/1	2.00

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### ALL AGE WOMEN STATE CUP ROUND 1 - 18th MAY 2003 BYE ROUND



## SOCCER NSW GETS ONSIDE

For some time the Soccer Community has been asking for a medium to allow us all to get together and support our great game.

The 'ON SIDE club' founded in Melbourne during 2001 is launching in Sydney. Established to encourage the soccer community to gather together in a friendly and entertaining environment and designed to promote, market and celebrate our great game.

Elite Sports Group approached Meaesh Marketing and The Onside Agency from Melbourne to develop a business relationship that will benefit our game in Victoria and NSW. Soccer NSW is proud to support the launch of the 'ON SIDE

CLUB' Friday May 30th Ballroom 3, Star City, Pyrmont.

In addition to enjoying each others company and addressing key issues for our game, we intend to use this medium to establish other activities such as corporate golf days and Legends matches. We are sure you all know someone who either played with you or was part of our Football scene sometime ago, if so please forward this email to them.

If you are in business and wish to promote your organisation to our community we will be happy to assist you do so at our function. We will establish a business card register and allow some companies to issue flyers etc. If you are interested give us a call.

We have selected this time to launch our Club as it is the NSL Grand Final and The NSW Premier League Grand Final plus it is opportune to get some views from a key player in the Crawford Report, Mr Johnny Warren.

We hope you can join us. Should you wish to book a table, there are 10 seats per table."

For more information regarding the onside club please contact Ken Schembri at Elite Sports Group on 0410 664 884.



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